

support on the floor of the Legislature and the constituencies we represent do not have the money to hire lobbyists. I saw one account in the paper that said that \$5,000 or so was spent per each senator by the lobbyists. I saw another account which said 60,000, and I didn't get mine. But they didn't say they spent it on us or gave it to us but that is how much those who are registered as lobbyists are spending. And if you divided what they spend by the number of senators, that is the amount they spend. I would venture to say that if you went to the registration...or the registry for the lobbyists, you would find none there who spent money to try to assist the poor. To have money to hire lobbyists for the poor is almost a contradiction in terms. If you had means, you would not be poor. And now it is clear that those who have taken a certain attitude toward which things should be funded and those which should not do have a tactical edge today. They may not necessarily have enough people to do what they want to do but they know that there are enough people absent so that anything they don't want to see happen will be prevented from happening, even adjournment. We all know that there is not that much concern on the floor of the Legislature in the form of the people who are here now about the various propositions that are up there in the form of amendments. There is one that I am very concerned about and it relates to the Mexican-American Commission and the Commission on Indian Affairs. And as long as the Legislature is in session, I am going to fight to try to have those two commissions funded. If Senator Warner and Senator Hannibal and others who really fight hard to maintain the budget intact are willing to fight as hard as they are to achieve their goal, it should be very easy for them, easier for them, in fact, than anybody else to understanding why I am going to fight the rest of the days we have in this session to achieve that which I think is important and I am prepared to do that. During the last few days and over the last few issues that we have considered, there has not been a great deal that I have had to say. There is not a great amount of time that I have taken but since we are now getting to the end of the session and we are going to play what has been referred to as hard ball, it is necessary that I reach into the bag and pull out some stratagems that will work or that have a possibility of working in behalf of those interests that I believe are important. I think a Legislature must, on occasion, face very difficult issues. And when those issues are faced it becomes necessary, on those occasions, for the Legislature to do those things that it may have said collectively at an earlier time it would not do. The Legislature said, at an earlier time, it will not fund the two commissions that I am talking about.