

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this amendment is designed to put a small amount of funding into the Mexican-American Commission and the Commission on Indian Affairs. To refresh your memory, the Commission on Indian Affairs would receive an amount of \$70,646.

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, the call of the house is raised. Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The Mexican-American Commission would receive an amount of \$96,669, together something less than \$175,000. There were much larger amounts than this added to the budget yesterday, and those propositions were deemed worthy, and I agree that they were. This is no less worthy. Since on a number of occasions we have debated the issue itself on what the commissions do, and on the policy issue of whether we should have these commissions, I don't think it is necessary to take a lot of time to...wait a minute. Mr. Chairman, I am not even telling a joke and I am getting all this laughter. I don't think they are following the seriousness of what I am saying. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) May the membership be a little more considerate, please, to the speaker. Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I didn't mind them laughing but I want them to laugh like that when I am really telling a joke.

PRESIDENT: Or at least have them tell the joke.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Or something, but at any rate, oh, that is all right, Senator Pirsch, I don't object. I just want the body to be aware that this amendment is designed to restore a certain amount of money, a small amount of money to the Mexican-American Commission and the Commission on Indian Affairs. I am going to repeat the brief statement I made earlier. Because we have talked about this issue on several occasions, in my opening I am not going to repeat any of those comments, but I am hoping that we will adopt as the policy of the state the retention of all three of these advocacy agencies. I hate that the term