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"advocacy" has been attached to them because I think there is more involved than just what that word entails, but, nevertheless, since that is the label that has been attached to them, that is the one that I will use for ease of expression. I am hoping that you will adopt this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise to support the Chambers amendment. I have been gratified to hear in the last couple of weeks from a variety of groups. I hope that you have received as I have copies of letters from the Chicano Awareness Center, the Mexican-American Commission as it is presently constituted, the Multi-Cultural Awareness Center here in Lincoln, the Winnebago Tribal Council, the Native American Broadcasting Consortium and the Omaha Tribal Council, all of whom indicate that they feel they have a high stake and a lot of interest in the retention of these commissions. They believe in the programs that are offered, and they want to renew and continue the work of the commissions. Seeing that there is a strong showing from these groups, I see every reason to think that these commissions can do their work, can carry them out, that they have the support of the groups that they purport to represent, and they are a vital link to people that we otherwise have very little commerce in this body with, without this kind of focusing mechanism. And since I am now certain that we do have the interests of Chicano peoples and Indian people in mind, and that these commissions in fact represent those bodies, why I feel a personal sense of responsibility to continue the work of the commissions and intend to support this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise also to support Senator Chambers's amendment and I think that these two agencies are the agencies that very few people realize the need for them across the state because most of the people that they represent are in selected pockets or different areas of the state. They are not broad based. They do not have a lobbyist. They are not what you might call organized that come forth to present strong cases in front of the Legislature why they should be here. But they are another group of people that do need help, the programs that they have had in the past and would have in the future, it would be very detrimental...it would be helpful. It would help the state in the long run and it would be dollars wisely invested that we probably can see a return on