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in a very short period of time. I support Senator Chambers' amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose this amendment. This will add another approximately \$175,000 to our budget, and the way we acted yesterday, we added a lot more. I certainly did, I did vote for some of those increases. This is why we have got to be prudent now. In regards to the Indian Commission, I feel that the Indians are being sufficiently funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the federal level. They are doing a good job of taking care of those and so I see no need for us to get involved again on the local level. These commissions were certainly needed years ago but I feel that they have served their purpose now, and since we are having a shortage of funds, our projections are below their estimation, and I just feel that now is not the time to do that. A little later I will have an amendment up there to remove the Status of Women and so with \$100,000 there, \$175,000 here, we are talking of over a quarter of a million dollars and that is a lot of money in this day and age. I am surprised at Senator Landis. A couple of days ago he was against funding the Indian Commission and the Mexican-American, and now since he sees that his amendment is to reinstate the funding for the Status of Women is in jeopardy, he is doing a switch and supporting the other two commissions. And so at this time I would urge you not to support the Chambers amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

PRESIDENT: Is there anyone else wishing to speak? I guess there is no reason for the exercise if there is no one else to speak. I have no lights on. Senator Chambers may close. Thank you very much for the motion anyway.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I will be very, very brief. Senator Hefner did point out that the groups that he was concerned about he voted to put their money in yesterday and got it in some instances, and now he is saying slam the door on everybody else. This statement by him I think brings into sharp focus the injustice, the unfairness, the backwardness of the thinking of certain individuals in the body, and with that, I am asking those people who do have an

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