

commissions. With these thoughts in mind I would ask you to support this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, do you wish to speak on the Hefner amendment to 1251?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I've got to tie in what happened just before we came to this offered amendment. There are some people who would abolish these commissions who have been speaking for and voting for propositions to help farmers. I just saw a demonstration of the conscience of a conservative, when Senator Lamb stood up on this floor and gave a talk of the kind I generally give because maybe some office, in his particular district, is going to be closed. There is not any genuine concern manifested toward the people who are to be helped by those offices that he was so anxious to keep open. But listen to the things he said. He said there are people out there who are poor, they need these services, it should not be made too inconvenient for them to obtain these services, you should not make it so inconvenient that they would be discouraged from seeking these services. And he's talking about an agency which used to be called the Welfare Department, so I presume he's talking about rural people receiving welfare. I've never heard him give that kind of a glowing support for those who seek welfare or welfare itself. But as the fire comes a little closer to one's feet, that one will tend to move his feet to a more comfortable position. So, if he can see that there are certain people in his district who have a problem, and he wants those people in his district to be ministered to, he should make an extrapolation and apply his concern to people similarly situated throughout the state, not just his district. To strike these commissions would be the very "wrongest", and I know that is not a proper use of the language, it would be the "wrongest" thing that the Legislature can do. We are not talking about large amounts of money. Now that these commissions have been given a sanction by a majority of the legislators, that same majority ought to rally and retain these commissions. There will be other occasions on this floor, before the session is over, when somebody will probably try to restore one of those farmer programs. Before some of the conservatives were standing on this floor speaking for these kind of farmer programs, I was not only speaking for them, I was going out there among these people who have the problems. It is time for the Legislature to show, by the actions that it undertakes, the concern that it professes to have for people who need the help that government can provide. Nobody, in speaking