

Appropriations Committee's overrides and they are very much at the heart of the work that these Commissions do. Secondly, if money is going to be out there to exist, it should be more than lip service, it should mean the chance to be effective, and a cut of this amount really imperils these Commissions to be effective. All they are otherwise is to be a letter box and a chance to be together and chat but without the means to seriously give vent to the needs, to the wishes, to the political aspirations of the affected clientele groups. Lastly, I would offer to you a chance to look at this handout which I put on your desks because it is the third argument and perhaps the best one with respect to keeping this money. Compare the columns. The first column is the amount that we used to appropriate for these kinds of commissions. Secondly, last year when we were going to close these commissions out, look at the amount of money that was offered. Compare the amount for closing out the commission to the last column, which is the amount that we now have in the budget for them, the funds are very much the same; \$33,000 to close out the Women's Commission, \$49,000 to run it for a year; \$37,000 to close out the Mexican-American Commission, \$48,000 to run it for a year. Last year we needed that amount of money to pack up boxes to move them to the basement of the State Office Building and to keep a phone bill paid and yet, apparently, we are to keep these commissions functioning, to hold out to these clientele groups, to these constituencies, we will honor your need for advocacy but at about the same level it takes to close the agency out. If we wish to do something more than pay lip service, we have to permit these commissions to offer effective leadership. That is what this money means and I am very proud of the Appropriations Committee for having brought it to us in this priority motion for our redesignation and for a veto override. I urge you to do so this afternoon.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, the action of the Governor, in cutting out the amount of money from these commissions that he did, is the action of a cruel, hard-hearted, mean-spirited individual. I have other bills that are going to go across his desk and I invite him to veto them all if he chooses. But the truth has to be spoken. I have talked with that man on several occasions recently and he has misled me. Before that grandparent's right bill passed, Senator Lowell Johnson, the Governor and I talked. He said that it is very likely he would veto it and he signed it. I am going to go