

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have is a motion by Senator Lynch. Senator Lynch would move to reconsider the line-item veto override vote with respect to the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on the Mexican-Americans and the Commission on Indian Affairs. (LB 1251.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President, members, I'm sorry at this late date to have to burden you with any more responsibility, but I think it is an important one and we ought to be burdened with it because we should never have allowed the 49,000 for the Women's Commission, and the 48 for the Mexican-Americans, and the 35 for the Indians that weren't overridden, the only, the only one of the bills that weren't overridden the other day. These are important advocacy groups. This is an amount of money that is important, over \$100,000. But what it provides is about 40 percent of what was spent in the past by these commissions. But it also offers an opportunity for people to help, in an advocacy way, help others, help again. This kind of money multiplies itself because of the opportunity it provides. I think these are important responsibilities. If you want to save a lot of money by reducing the scope of government, I'd suggest that you are tripping over dollars saving pennies by suggesting that this is the place to cut. It was almost an insult. You might as well have done away with the monies altogether than to leave just 20 percent of the money that really is justifiably necessary for these responsibilities. I would hope some others on the floor would consider changing the way they voted before on this issue, 27 votes were received. I was absent and I apologize for that. But maybe it was just as well that I was so that I could have the opportunity today to ask you to reconsider the previous action. I think this is important. And I hope, even at this late hour, that you will support this effort.

PRESIDENT: Senator...now I have left the lights on from the previous debate so it may be mixed up here. I'll go down the list. We are speaking on the Lynch motion to override the veto concerning the agency...the advocacy agencies. Senator Lundy, did you wish to speak on this motion? Very well. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I will be very brief. The other day when this issue came up we had 27 votes. I hope those 27 will continue to support these commissions. I talked to enough of you who said you would