

That which will remain, if you all recall, is a part of what was going to be appropriated until that amount had been cut last session. So I hope the first thing you will do is defeat Senator DeCamp's amendment, then we restore the amount that has been cut. Governor Kerrey does have wit and charm and I've said that on occasion, but I didn't know he was so lacking in compassion. He has said on another of occasions, because of the dangers he went through and the wounds he suffered and saw others suffer in war, he doesn't like to see people very flippantly talk about war as though there is no price or no cost involved. What is the cost to the integrity of this state if it does what he has set out to do in his cruelty and lack of sensitivity? No decent government should treat any of its people in the way that this move by the Governor would treat these people. The back of the hand, the heel of the foot, is that in 1986 the best that the Nebraska Legislature can do to its citizens? If it is, then some of the comments I have made on this floor and other forums that have seemed harsh will be shown to be totally inadequate to describe the terrible condition, the lack of justice, the lack of fairness in hearing in this society.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I hope that you will defeat Senator DeCamp's amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Smith and then Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. I stand to oppose Senator DeCamp's amendment to the amendment and tell him that I couldn't disagree more with some of the things that he said earlier. I also would like to stress that I really don't like these commissions as being labeled crippled. I know that they have received cuts in the past, but I was one of the senators that sat in all day on the hearings that the Appropriations Committee heard on Saturday and I was impressed with the effort that was made, that is being made, by, for instance, the Commission on the Status of Women in an effort by them to raise funding, to become self-supportive, at least to a large degree, and with some of the new activities that they have not...they haven't just sat because as so-called they have become crippled, they have gone on to do some very innovative and creative kinds of things that will in the end benefit those people we call the minority in the State of Nebraska who, by the way, represent the majority overall of a total population. The Indian Commission