

commission that has not grown, that the tax dollars have not been raised, that the number of employees have not grown in government. Show me one that we've cut back, or that we've done away with. I still stand firmly opposed to LB 500.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh and then Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, when the term minority is used in this state it generally refers, or is intended to refer to black people, Chicanos, which are Mexican-Americans or Spanish surnamed people, and native Americans or those who are misnamed Indians. Now what I would like the members of this Legislature to do if you think that we are going to flood into these various agencies and take the jobs of white people, you just walk through this building and see how many of us you see working here now. Go through any of the state agencies, Senator Haberman, and you see if you are met with a flood of black, Chicanos or native Americans. We are noteworthy and conspicuous by our absence. I'll bet you there is not any white person in this Legislature who could listen to as many subtle and direct insults in ordinary conversations, in an all black assembly that I tolerate down here all the time, and stand it like I stand it, deal with all of the issues that all you white senators deal with, and then have the extra burden that a black man must carry and function as effectively as I do. That's what I would like to see, but that is not what I see here. I see white senators get upset. I see them have to go take a drink to settle down and handle white problems. Why if you had to face what I have to face, you'd do what your ancestors did when the depression came, you'd jump out of buildings. You'd jump off bridges. You'd blow your brains out because you cannot face the realities of a harsh life, which by comparison to what I live might be paradise. I've read articles about white people who used to could get jobs and condemn what they called welfare, and now they have to turn to welfare, and you know what they're saying? The system is too degrading. I shouldn't have to go down there and fill out all these forms. But do you know why welfare is degrading? Because when they were on top and their foot was not about to slip, they condemned and degraded it. They made the people who received it feel like thieves and robbers, but then when the wolf sat on their door they could not eat the meal that they had helped to prepare for others. And this is why I think there might have been advice given by Jesus and