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to assist the Reparations Board and the Jail Standards Board in the execution of their mandated statute duties along with all the other statute duties that we have given the Crime Commission through the years. When you look at some other commissions in your red and white book, commissions that serve a particular small segment of our community do not serve the entire general state, county attorneys and our law enforcement as does the Crime Commission. And look at them...there are 172,000, over 200,000 for these other smaller commissions which are not as far-reaching as our Crime Commission. Now because they have been taking advantage of federal funds for their administering in the past, should we now penalize them and not support them fully with our state dollars? I hope you agree with Senator Schmit and myself that you will not, and vote for his amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, it is a strange feeling to be speaking on the same side of an issue as Senator Pirsch, and even to some extent Senator Schmit. But it shows that nobody can be perfect even in a negative sense. So on occasion they are correct, and this is one instance where they are very correct and it is not going to cost the state an inordinate amount of money. I think that the Crime Commission does serve a worthwhile purpose and I don't know why the budget committee cut the funds in the way that they did so that the total amount remaining is what the Commission would have had minus federal funds, and I will not impugn their motives. They probably had set a total amount of money that they were going to budget for the state for all expenditures. And as with any other budget cutting, some of us disagree with the cuts being made, where they are made and the amounts of them. So on this amendment, I support Senator Schmit and I hope you will think about what is being done here. Sometimes a mood can sweep the state which is merely a reflection of a mood that apparently sweeps the country and we will do things during one session of the Legislature which will have repercussions far down the road and we will begin to regret that hasty action. The 114 laws indicate that. But to my knowledge there is no group, not even the criminal element among us, who are pushing for a reduction in the budget of the Crime Commission. So if we can find our way clear to add this money back to their budget, I really don't think that a great amount of damage will be done anywhere, but I think some good will result. I do envision the possibility of damage if we cut these funds and eliminate the number of positions that are being considered. So I hope that you