

Like I said before, now when I have been back visiting with chambers of commerce, businessmen, employees, farmers and the man on the street when we talk about the budget I get one reoccurring statement. "My God, cut more of the spending." When we discuss these cuts in spending I have pointed out the expansion of some of the states' agencies. The immediate response is to cut them and even eliminate them. They can adjust their budgets just like everyone else. I think it is time that we senators send out a message loud and clear that these agencies can take their cuts like everybody else. We're not going to put this state on its feet by spend, spend, spend, spend and tax and tax and tax. We're going to have to cut. I urge you to join with me in sending this message back...this message by the voting to support these amendments and I ask you to on this first amendment to cut the Mexican-American Commission by half, from \$204,484 to \$102,242. This commission, for instance back in 1972, '73 was at \$30,000 and that is how it has increased up until now and I ask you for your consideration and cut on this commission. I ask for its adoption.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'd like...Senator Peterson, what area do you represent? What city are you from?

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Peterson, will you respond.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because I'd like to ask you a few questions if you don't mind.

SENATOR R. PETERSON: Yes, Senator Chambers, I'd be glad to respond. I'm from the 21st District. I represent Norfolk and small towns like Battle Creek, Newman Grove, Madison, Tilden and Pierce and I get the same response.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Peterson, are there any Mexican-Americans or Chicanos living in that area?

SENATOR R. PETERSON: Yes, we do have a few.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are they in favor of what you are doing in terms of cutting the money for this agency?

SENATOR R. PETERSON: I have not heard anything from them.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you talked to any of them one way or the other?

SENATOR R. PETERSON: No, I haven't.