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cutting a lot of other commissions that have been started and growing astronomically. I would say I was not for eliminating but I think a number of them could be afforded some cuts.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Peterson, do you think that a person's complexion or national origin should determine what rights he or she enjoys as a citizen of Nebraska? Let's limit this to citizens of the United States and citizens of Nebraska so you know exactly what I am talking about.

SENATOR NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you feel that the complexion of a person or his or her national origin should determine which rights they enjoy as citizens of this state?

SENATOR R. PETERSON: Senator Chambers, I have nothing against the blacks, the Mexican-Americans....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm talking about Chicanos right now. We'll get to that later. I know what the usual formula is.

SENATOR R. PETERSON: Okay. No, I have nothing against them because I have worked scads of Mexican-Americans.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I thank you, Senator Peterson. With that I say, I don't know whether I'm the prosecution of the defense but whatever I am, I rest.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Beutler. Senator Marsh, you're next. Why don't you go ahead until we can find Senator Beutler.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I rise to oppose this amendment and the subsequent amendments which are being offered by Senator Peterson. I'm sure he is doing it from his perspective with what he thinks is the right thing and I feel just as strongly as a ten year member of the Appropriations Committee that it is exactly the wrong thing to do. Senator Peterson, we have taken over \$19 million from the last time we went through the budget and you've heard us say on the floor, we've gone through the state budget five separate times since November. The Appropriations Committee has looked at the total state picture. We're cognizant of the concerns of the state and we have tried to balance the cuts across many, many, many agencies but not to kill an agency by cutting something in half so that an agency is totally unable to function. This is not even speaking to the concerns of the three issues that Senator Peterson is bringing before us. I would urge Senator Peterson to consider serving on the Appropriations Committee at some time in the future for that is the hard way