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They have formed a community development program where they are renovating the older homes. The Commission itself has helped these people to stay off of the welfare rolls by finding jobs for them. Many of them work in the packing houses in South Omaha, have worked very hard for a number of years and do not want to accept anything from the state but at times they do need help. They do have to have somebody to go to and the Commission has been there and I know that they have been a great deal of help to those people and I sincerely believe that we should not cut out entirely the Commission of Mexican-American Commission. I think they are valuable and maybe in some counties you don't have them but believe me if you did you would be proud to be living near them and working with them. They are a great bunch of people. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: I move the previous question.

SENATOR NICHOL: Do I see five hands, please? I do. The question is, shall debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Richard Peterson.

SENATOR R. PETERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, first I'd like to say before I forget it, that maybe the rest of you, if you haven't done it, take these commissions and your figures home with you and at Chamber of Commerce functions, Farm Bureau, wherever, let those people back home know when they were started, what they started out with, the price tag, and what they are at now and see what kind of reaction you get. This is what I did and this is where I am coming from. I've got nothing against any of these commissions. I guess you might say probably I do because I picked three to test the feeling on the floor but this is where it is coming from is from my people back home and it is not just a few people. This is a lot of people in the last month I have talked to and they say, "cut," and I say, "okay, this is one area. What about it?" And they say, "cut." So in closing I guess I just say, the economy is not good. It is not going to improve I don't think. We need the cut. I've got to agree with Senator DeCamp. The time is running