

office has to look at it and make some determinations. I am sure that Senator Beutler would be distressed to find out that three people who felt that they had been discriminated against because of age were not out of any right they would have to vindicate their rights because the Attorney General sat on the cases until the statute of limitations ran out. Senator Johnson, I want you to hear that. The Attorney General sat on three age discrimination cases till the legal statute of limitations ran out and then he returned them to the NEOC and said, no work can be done on these because the statute has expired, but it expired while they were in the Attorney General's office. Now these things don't concern anybody. The Attorney General is protected, and, yes, I ran against him and that is how I found it out. I found out how the news media protected him. I found out that Lincoln Journal had some letters written on an issue which they withheld from publication till after the election. So when you are talking about cutting ETV because you trust the commercial news media, there are problems there too. When we were talking about the judges salaries last year Senator Beutler and other lawyers did not want to see us tie those salaries or our attitude to them to how we felt about judges' decisions. The point was that they are doing a job and you should judge them on the basis of the nature of the job and not the fact that they arrive at a conclusion which differs from ours. So, when we come to an agency which deals with those people who have no voice on this floor, other than mine consistently, who are scorned by people in this body who represent business and those agencies that will discriminate, then we are going to deviate from the idea of judging what the commission and the commissioner or the executive director are to do and to say that I am dissatisfied with some particular actions, so I say cut the budget. That is not done with any other agency that would deal primarily with the interest of white people and we know that. This has always been a vulnerable commission as has been the Mexican-American Commission. I will not agree to the type of thing Senator Beutler is attempting here today. I think that there is only one justification for a proposition like this having success, not a justification, a basis for it. It would be an objection to what the commission was established for and what it attempts to do. If there is a genuine concern about discrimination we ought to analyze that commission's weaknesses and do away with the weaknesses and empower it to do the job that we say that we intend it to do. That is not the intention of the Legislature, the Commission is there to give the impression that Nebraska is concerned about fairness when in fact it is not. So I am opposed to Senator Beutler's effort here and whatever reason you have for voting against it I hope there are enough to defeat it.

SENATOR LAMB: Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, I move the previous question.

SENATOR LAMB: That will not be necessary, Senator Koch, because you are the last speaker. Senator Beutler to close on his amendment.