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amendment. I yield my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I don't intend to take a lot of time, but I wanted to thank Senator Thompson for the thought that she has put into this whole matter and to say, Senator, that I do agree there are other refugees and immigrants who are coming into our country who don't always have a central place to go to. Now we have a lot of human service kinds of organizations who are helping with settlement of some of these populations, but there are other needs as time goes along, so I think it would behoove us to look into that. But I do believe that these two commissions do serve a very unique population who have very unique differences in some respects with some of these other groups that are coming into the country. And, first of all, the...with the Indian Commission, they're not coming into the country. They're not new immigrants. They've been here longer than we have, and they have just particular problems to address. And within that group there, of course, in a state there are the four tribes, who also have to be working together and brought together. And with the Latinos or the Hispanics, they have the...a lot of the immigration problems that some of the other groups don't have, and so I think they are pretty unique. But I'm glad that you've been suggesting this and want to study it further. I think that's a very good idea. I don't agree with you about commissions being inefficient, and I'm not sure that you meant that that's the total way that you would describe them. I would also describe them as being a way to involve some of these populations more in their communities and in the state government, and commissions are often decried because they cost a little bit of money and because there's so many of them. And there are too many of them sometimes and we've been trying to get rid of some of them over the years, but I think that they have a very useful purpose and they do make people feel more a part of the communities and their state, so...and, plus, they help solve a lot of problems. So I think there's a really good reason for commissions. I don't know if there needs to be a refugee office somewhere. I'm not sure if you could put it under a particular department or not. I think we're always