

on ETV that has nothing to do with education. But that's fine, I'm not fighting ETV. I'm saying that you're doing the same thing here if you create public radio. Now, Senator Smith said that she would like to see some figures. I gave them to her. But she also mentioned classic music. I would say that, basically, everybody on this floor when they go on a trip has a car that has a cassette in it and you can go down and buy the most beautiful classic music for \$3.98 that you have ever seen in your life and you can play it all you want to. And you can buy 10 of them and it will be less than what this is going to cost per citizen in five years. So I say to you I think the votes are here not to reconsider, however, those people who do not vote to reconsider, I want you to think what you're doing. You're setting a precedent for another state entity for more spending, more spending and more spending and I ask you to support the reconsideration. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, please, then Senator Langford.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. I have a request that you return to your seats and vote on ceasing debate, please. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 7 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Abboud, would you like to close on your motion, please.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I did get some more information on what this program will eventually cost. In 1983, ETV did a preliminary report on the estimated cost for public radio. Now this is 1983 dollars, it is an estimate on their part. It ranged anywhere from \$600,000 to \$2.5 million. That was done by ETV and that was their estimate. So it is a pretty broad gamut. But I think we can all appreciate the reality of all state agencies in that somehow they start out with a good idea, get bigger, get bigger, and get bigger until eventually what you have is what we have with ETV, a \$4.7 million expenditure. I feel that the radio stations in the State of Nebraska do an excellent job of providing information to the