

him that he does want to help those that are not one hundred percent physically whole. We admire him for that and he should be admired for that, but in a situation like this, it is not that I want to hurt the blind or not support them or the physically handicapped, there is a different issue here as far as I am concerned and that is that business industry has supported this program in the past and I think we should allow them to continue to support it. I don't think that when a community starts a program on their own and it is making a go of it and it appears that this will be successful in the future even on a financial basis that government should step in each time and say we can do it better than you are doing it. We will take over the reins and we will support it financially. I say, let Omaha continue with this problem that they are solving. I think they are doing a good job and I understand also that within two or three years they will be financially sound and it will be a good going program. This sounds a little bit like "E" radio coming on and I am not in favor of "E" radio. So it is for this reason I think we should take a look at this bill rather than just passing it because we wish to be compassionate to the blind people. I haven't heard the blind people asking for this in my area. Maybe they are in areas like Omaha where they have tasted of the fruit but I have not heard one person say, hey, we need this all across the state. So this is the reason I support the kill motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, I have to congratulate Senator Haberman on his maiden voyage. I hope he impressed someone other than himself. First of all he asked his assistant to get information. He called the lady who works at Radio Talking Book and the assistant proceeded to take down inaccurate information. He called then Mr. Parker and said please write me a letter and tell me about this program and how it is funded and I will withdraw my motion to kill. However, I find this rather confusing. I assumed Mr. Haberman was going to withdraw that motion to indefinitely postpone this morning which he did not which causes me some anguish, and to you, Senator Nichol, I appreciate your knowledge of my ability to empathize with people who are less fortunate than I am and, God only knows, I would never want to give that up because after we pass the eye drop bill we may need Radio Talking Book for other people who may be a victim of that. And what we are saying right here is that these people have been trying to raise the money on their own and I admire them.