

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, it sure would be nice to have a simple bill here one time. If there was ever a simple bill, I thought this was it but, obviously, we want to nit pick because we don't have much to do for a while. I made the statement that hopefully within three years this would be a free enterprise system would be self-sufficient. Then Senator Stoney took me literally and I suspect if that is the decision of the body we will live with it because it means annually this money must be reappropriated by the Appropriations Committee through the Department of Visual Services and, of course, by the end of three years, I am certain that this body will want to check up on Radio Talking Books to see whether or not they still have the clientele, whether or not their programming is germane to the needs of the blind, and whether or not we still can afford \$30,000. But I am going to watch during this session and I am going to join Mr. Haberman and Mr. Murphy and others and become a watchdog upon that Treasury of the Great State of Nebraska, and everytime there is a bill with some money on it, I am going to rise up and put an IP on it and then we are going to waste hours discussing the IP and the money and the fact that every red penny shall be accounted for. \$30,000 on today's market as most of you know really isn't worth much, the buying power isn't really very great. I have sat here for four years and watch us build driver safety ranges, buy a building out in North Platte, do all kinds of things and we spend money just like bricks and mortars that is so important to us and yet we don't realize that human services and needs may come first. And, Senator Stoney, I understand your conservative position. I have learned to accept it and many times I appreciate it but I would hope that after reconsideration you would withdraw this amendment and let us see how this program goes in three years and hopefully by then it would phase itself out rather than to put a self-destruct on it right now. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I did not say that the program would be phased out in three years and I know of other programs where people make estimates in the best of faith and their estimates turn out not to be correct like LB 518, what the impact of that would be, but that was a bill to exempt business and farm inventories which is understood very well by this Legislature. There was an estimation made as to the cost for