

at reduction of equipment and I can tell you as everyone of you know that if..that one of the most expensive and most indefensible places that you can cut in any operation is replacement of equipment when it is obsolete. It doesn't make any difference, Senator Schmit, if you are talking about a tractor or a combine or a piece of equipment used in the studio. As I explained before, and as other members have explained, we did not have money in a year ago for replacement of equipment. There was a minor amount two years ago, it isn't as if all of a sudden...an..explosion of appropriation for replacement of equipment. It is quite the reverse. The fact that we have held it down for two years running reaches a point where that is not a savings, it is not advisable. In my opinion the policy that we adopted is a good policy, it is a defensible policy, to have some kind of a logical basis from which equipment can be replaced on an annual basis. Again the basis that the committee arrived at was one using a similar approach to one that is used in the private sector for replacing equipment, to budget an amount for the replacement of equipment and that is exactly what we are suggesting to you. That recommendation was essentially an amortization of a seven year period for the amount of the cost of the replacement value of the total inventory for equipment within the studio. I would suggest that the committee's recommendation is reasonable and sound and I would think that your judgment would be well placed if you do not support Senator Beutler's reduction.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh. Senator Marsh. No? Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Warner one question. Where is this equipment going to be put?

SENATOR WARNER: This kind of equipment here, Senator Merz, is the kind of equipment that would primarily be in the studio although it could also include some of the portable equipment.

SENATOR MERZ: It all goes here in Lincoln? I notice Lincoln support so that is why I.....

SENATOR WARNER: That is where the studio is.

SENATOR MERZ: Another thing I noticed, two of them on Appropriations passed. It kind of makes me wonder what is going on here. I think that we have been playing games