

here long enough. Senator Schmit has been accused of these grasshoppers and all of that and he has got something to think about there, but I am sure he has got no quorums in regard to this. If you have talked to bankers as long as he and I have this thing is getting serious and I think that it is time we start drawing in. We are going to have to draw in a lot more than this if we are going to keep this state stable, so I can't help but support this measely reduction.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers, then Senator Simon, and Senator Lamb.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, with due respect to all of the ladies who may be in this chamber I am going to state a maxim in the proper form: "Hell hath no fury like a person scorned or imagines himself or herself to have been scorned". I think that we are all aware of the fact that some people want to break the budget. There is bitterness because certain votes have gone various ways, and that happens every year at budget time. Now if the budget is to be broken there may be certain programs that I would vote to break it on, but I won't vote to break it on ETV. Nebraska is considered to be virtually a waste land, a desert when it comes to the intellectual. There are stronger arguments in favor of feeding . . . of filling law enforcement persons bellies than there is cultivating the mind and the spirit of the citizens of the state. I think that what the Arab's said is true, Senator Kahle, when the stomach is full the head is empty. We need now to start putting something between the ears. Something that is able to rationalize and because there are so many people who don't read, whether because they don't know how to read, don't have the time to read or the inclination, should at least have access to something that might improve their mind and ennoble their spirit. It would be similar, Senator Kahle, to having water available on the desert, some people may not want the water, but others who may need it, I know, I'm just using you for a sounding board, there are some who may pass up the water choosing death by dehydration to life. But to those who want the refreshing lifesaving qualities of the water, let it be there for them. I think the symbolism of making a frontal attack on an agency which is designed to educate the citizens is not good. The Legislature suffers enough from the reputation of being unthinking, unreasoned, unreading and uncaring. Now I don't think what is shown on ETV with reference to the Legislature has anything to do with the issue as far as the merits would go. Most of the time that ETV is in operation the Legislature is not in session and most people would say, thank whoever is