

responsible for that. So, to say that what happens when ETV covers the Legislature is justification for cutting its budget, it is taking it the wrong way. If what is shown on ETV based on what the Legislature does is not satisfactory, let the actors put on a better performance. Don't condemn the camera person or the audience but those who put on the show are the ones who should give a better product. I'm opposed to this reduction. Secondly, if there is to be really an attempt to cripple ETV the amount involved here will not succeed in doing that. It can create an annoyance and inconvenience and hurt to some extent but the amendment which was rejected is the one that could have been the crippler. I understand also that compromises have to be arrived at on the floor, sometimes to arrive at a situation where two opposing sides will each get some of what they want but neither will get all of it. We are talking here now not about arriving at a compromise relative to the quality or capability of ETV to function but rather to slap the Appropriations Committee, and they know that if they get in a hot seat like they are there are going to be shots taken at them, some fair, some foul. But, that is a part of this process. I hope that the members will not vote to cut ETV. If we are going to break the budget then I think we should break it at another point, but not at this one. If there is to be a weak link in the budget, let it not be, Senator Johnson, ETV. We don't want education to be the missing link in the chain of services provided by the State of Nebraska. I'm opposed to the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon and then Senator Lamb.

SENATOR SIMON: A question of Senator Warner please, if he would yield. Senator Warner, you had made the comment earlier and I don't remember at whom that you had made it but the comment was something to the effect that, why you did not support this particular amendment the committee did not cast its votes in blood and there might be some amendments that possibly you could consider. Have you ever supported any amendments on the floor in terms of changes in the budget or under any circumstances would you?

SENATOR WARNER: Have I ever.....

SENATOR SIMON: Ever or would you ever under any circumstances?

SENATOR WARNER: I can recall one time that I voted against. . . I can recall twice that I have voted against the. . .

SENATOR SIMON: Were you chairman at. . . . .