

from different point of views. If you read only one newspaper, you are going to get a biased point of view. If you read two and if you read three, you are going to get a broader perspective. If you read the newspaper and watch television and listen to the radio, you are going to get an even broader perspective. If you use only one, you are going to get a narrow perspective. So this is not a narrowing or a censoring measure, this is a broadening measure. This is exactly what it means, it is educational radio. Now if you are satisfied with only a certain perspective, so be it, but if you want several perspectives, then you should support this particular concept. And I said before, we have a lot of the capital equipment in place across this state right now. We have nine towers built transmitting educational television signals, and these towers can be utilized for a few additional dollars if in the future we intend to go ahead with this, these towers can be utilized to enhance the educational opportunity of the citizens of Nebraska. Another thing that concerns me is there are two stations now, one in Omaha, one in Lincoln. Why not give the people of the greater Nebraska area the same opportunity those people have in Omaha and Lincoln. I don't understand why we would only allow this type of service, this type of broadcasting, this type of educational information in approximately one-third of the area of the state. So I urge you very strongly to put aside the emotionalism. Obviously, the radio industry, the radio people have been very intent on this. I can't really quite understand why because in one point they make the claim that it is government encroachment, going to take away their business, and then in the other statement they say that the listening audience is so small that it is not worthwhile. Now they can't have it both ways. Either there is a significant number of people out there desiring the kind of information, the kind of in depth reporting that is available through educational radio or there isn't. I had the opportunity several months ago driving between Lincoln and Columbus to pick up WOI of Ames and heard live from Washington, D.C. the hearings on Alexander Haig. Now I say there isn't a newspaper article, there isn't a television short, there isn't a five minute blurb on commercial radio that could as adequately presented the character, the depth, the intelligence, the forcefulness of this man than that live in full coverage from Washington of that Senate hearing on the confirmation of Alexander Haig. Commercial radio cannot do it. They cannot find the sponsorship to do it. The public has a right to know. I don't think any of us lament the fact that we have established educational TV in the State of Nebraska. I am not sure what the future will be. Federal funds for educational television obviously are going to be in short supply. We may well have to look at a