

grown at a rather astronomical rate and I would think that when you look back over the years you will find that very often individuals who speak on the educational TV on any other issue are portrayed differently than if they are reported in the public press and I think it is important, it is important that you have a range and a variety of reporting. The most dangerous thing that could happen to this country, from my point of view and I may be borrowing a little bit from the drama of Senator Haberman, is to have any kind of a controlled press. I think it is dangerous. I think that we can look back in history and any time that you get into any kind of trouble you get there with a controlled press. The press once it is controlled gives you all kinds of trouble. The free press gives me trouble once in awhile also but I will still take the free press over that that is paid for by the taxpayer. I think it is a better average representation and do its job well and it has done its job well. It has protected this country well over the years and I think it will continue to do so. I know that Senator Dworak has fine motives for his bill and he wants to provide for us some of the finer things but I really think in this instance, Senator Dworak, that we can do without it. There may be a time and a place when it can be handled in a different manner but I am opposed to the public use of funds to extol the virtues of the Legislature or any other governmental body. A public media that is dependent upon this body for appropriation, unless they were completely stupid, would kowtow to this Legislature, makes us look like heroes to the people back home in the hopes that they would get more and more and more funds. It has worked that way in the past. It will work that way in the future. I don't think it is a good direction to move. I am opposed to it and I think we ought to kill the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan. The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the motion to indefinitely postpone. I can only say after listening to Rex Haberman's speech that I am sorry that the Academy Award nominations are closed for this year. Certainly was deserving of recognition far beyond my mere ability to praise that performance, however, I will look to some of the other more substantial speeches to consider some of the reasons why the bill, LB 78, should be indefinitely postponed. Apparently it comes down to the burgeoning growth of government and the fact that we need to protect free enterprise from the tyranny of public radio and this from a body who just earlier today passed a long