

owned by the Crown. England has an extremely lively sense of culture, history and continuity, part of which is fostered by public radio. I have no misgivings and no problem, frankly, about supporting public radio because I think in the end it appeals to some of our stronger virtues, it is not crass and it is not demeaning. It is the kind of thing that we really ought to support. Now earlier I commented on the air waves being public air waves. I want you to reflect on this, fellow members, we have to license radio and television stations right now because if we fail to so license radio and television stations, the cacophony of sound would quickly jam our air waves so that no radio station and no television station could get its signal and message through. There are a discreet number of bands available on the dial for private radio and television, and we have chosen as the public to recognize that the air waves do belong to the public and their use must be licensed. So already there is enormous governmental involvement in the air waves, and all public radio does is it in effect reserves a band for the public and it appropriates tax dollars to put on that band the kind of tradition, the kind of history, the kind of civilized patina that is important to us all. I think we have a chance at this juncture to do for the State of Nebraska somewhat what our forebears did when they commissioned a national architectural competition to build this State Capitol, to build a monument to the arts, to the ages, and look at the grandeur around them. The same can be true through public radio. I oppose the kill motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb. Senator Maresh. We are speaking on the kill motion as proposed by Senator Haberman.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, a question of Senator Dworak, please. Senator Dworak, why is it that your bill isn't treated the same way like other bills that have a fiscal impact statement attached to them? Why wasn't your bill...why didn't we have an A bill with your bill to call for a \$500,000 allocation?

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Maresh, I am glad you asked me that question. I wanted an opportunity to speak to that. My bill, in fact, merely creates the authority. I have no intention of funding public radio in Nebraska at this time. That is the reason there is no A bill. You will note, however, Senator Maresh, that if public radio were to be funded, and I stress the word "if", there is a pink