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functions and they provide fifteen minutes of their time gratis to me each Saturday morning to broadcast what is going on in this Legislature, and I can't see putting these people out of business by having competition, unfair competition with people that are paying taxes....

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR MARESH:and to buy, the merchants will hesitate to buy time on those radio stations if there is nobody listening to them during the time when they would be listening to public radio. And I think that we should support people that pay taxes and not go into competition. I can't see that the State of Nebraska would establish a newspaper with statewide circulation to compete with the newspapers. I am sure that the bill wouldn't get out of committee, but here we have a bill that's doing the same thing with the radio stations, and I certainly support the kill motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, this issue of public radio is not new to this Legislature. In fact, it is not new in this nation. There are 44 states that presently have public radio, and I am always amused at those who support free enterprise suddenly bring it up when it's advantageous, Iowa state that's not too far from us, and let me give you an example of some big radio stations, KMA, owned by Earl May, and you know Earl May is a large nursery distributor; WHO in DesMoines and a number of others, yet they have had public radio in that state for years and I don't see any of those private radio stations going out of business or being harmed. We all know that private radio is in business to make money. They have to have any number of commercials. They feature certain styles. We also know that they present a point of view that is not always given a counterpoint. It makes me somewhat angry when people say that we are going to have a controlled thought process if we go to public radio. That is not true at all because you have media which offers its own point of view in the private sector, both in television, both in radio and both in newspapers. We always talk about federal dollars. Now it's always nice to use federal dollars to support private enterprise. In fact, the other day Senator Goll showed me an article about General Motors. Whether the people knew it or not, the State of Michigan was helping them with the condemnation procedures. The amount of