

March 30, 1981

LB 78

best interest nor to our best concerns. There is an old adage. You have all heard about it, and I am going to repeat it to you one more time. The little proverb goes like this: Don't confuse my facts, my mind is made up. And oftentimes that is what happens to us because the private sector, and we got a letter the other day from Lyle Bremser, and I love Lyle Bremser, especially when I am not at a football game, but I have also watched Lyle and heard him at the football games and sometimes I think he's given us another game from what I observed. I know though he is there to provide emotion and support for the University football team. That's fine. But I sometimes think that what he gives to the general public of what is going on on that field is not quite accurate. Because of the emotion and because of all of the attitudes that are present, Mr. Bremser has to sometime enhance the game in order to keep it interesting and alive and Nebraska homegrown and all that good thing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up.

SENATOR KOCH: I am saying to you that what we need in this state today is public radio. We may not be able to fund it immediately, but I think this body has to go on record saying we believe in public radio because it can provide us with logical and with unbiased points of view programs for all of us, even though I am sure they will still listen to KFAB every morning to listen for the news and listen to certain things even when I am driving here to Lincoln and back, because that is my favorite station. But I also should be given the opportunity to have other stations in case I want to tune in and get a point of view I may not have had the privilege of listening to. So I support LB 78.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I talked on this bill the other day and I was a cosponsor of the amendment for the kill motion, and I certainly support the kill motion, and I oppose public radio. Senator Johnson mentioned that it was not government radio. Well, I would like to ask this body if it isn't government radio, what is it? It is going to be fully supported by the government and therefore I would think that it is government radio. I feel that public radio would be dangerous to our society, and also, it is going to increase taxes. I realize that Senator Dworak is coming in the back door. He says, well, there's no A bill, there's not going to be any expenses, but I say