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radio available and eliminate part of the television dollars, if necessary, which is I guess what Senator Dworak is suggesting and I would certainly support that. Senator Higgins mentioned that the elderly persons of this state are in a position where they would like to hold the cost down but at the same time they need some benefits for hunger programs and so forth. She mentioned the word "hunger". Well, I'll tell you, there are some people in this state that are hungering for the truth also. How many of you have ever been down to a committee hearing....I've done this a few times, been to a committee hearing during the interim, go back home and listen to it on the radio station or watch it on television, the news report, and wonder if you were at the same hearing as that reporter was to. I have done it several times. Now I am not saying that the news media slant the news in their fashion. I am not blaming them at all, but what it amounts to is that they have got a limited period of time that they have to condense it down to to present it to the public, and then in that condensation is where the danger is. It is very easily condensed into one area or the other, and it makes you wonder sometimes exactly what the truth is. And I think the people of the State of Nebraska many times are not aware of the real truth because of those condensations. If it takes a few dollars down the road, then so be it. But I don't think it is going to take nearly as much, at least I would never approve the appropriations of....

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have about 30 seconds left, Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS:a tremendous amount of money because the towers are already out there. The towers are there for the radio antennas to go on. ETV already covers the state, and as I indicated earlier I would be happy to take some of the dollars away from the television portion of ETV to supply it to public radio and I oppose the kill motion on LB 78.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I will be very brief and only reiterate my statements of the other day which indicated support for the kill motion opposition to LB 78. The reasons have been covered very well. I would reemphasize the fact