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of ideas in any of these states, have you? Neither have I read about it driving commercial radio stations out of business in those states." So in conclusion, I would urge your opposition to the kill motion and finally, your support of LB 78. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman to close on his motion.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would like to have you stop and think in your minds for a minute of a lovely farm, and on this farm you have a beautiful chicken house and there is a nice fence around the chicken house and the chicken house is full of chickens, and they are clucking very happily, eating, having a good time. But you have some problems because there is a fox around and he has been getting your chickens. So you are pondered by this and you want to set a guard to help keep your chickens. Well, I will tell you something, fellow Senators, if we pass this bill, it would be the same thing as my getting the fox to guard the chickens and then providing him with the sack to carry the chickens off, because Senator Dworak says there will be no money this year. He would not vote any money this year. And they say that there is no fiscal impact. But if you will look in your book, it shows you that if we would have public radio, in '83-'84 it is only going to cost \$1,638,177. Well, if we weren't going to have public radio, why introduce the bill? So when they say it isn't going to cost anything, watch out because that is when it is going to cost quite a bit more. Senator Koch says 44 states have it. Senator Koch, 49 states have two-house Unicamerals, we're the only one with one house. So I don't think that holds any power at all. Now also I would like to say in closing, read a letter. Okay, read a letter, Rex. "Good morning, Senator. Inasmuch as your colleague, Senator Don Dworak, introduced LB 78, the public radio bill, I often wondered about public radio just as I do now about public TV. What is being served up to the state at taxpayers' expense in the name of erudition. Being a former ETV Commissioner, being a former ETV Commissioner, I am continually amazed at how the educational function has been prostituted into an entertainment medium and how advertising is so skillfully disguised as mere mention. It just overwhelms me with the gullibility of the taxpayers, and I will add, and the gullibility of the Legislature if we don't kill this bill. I thought you might find the attached interesting just as I did. We little guys who try to buy this kind of thing are out-bid by the much larger budgets of the tax supported outlets.