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is actually on that line twenty-one, not only can they do closed captioning, but they have four different types of information that can be broadcast. What this bill would do is authorize that one of those be utilized for text services, and by text we mean just words on the screen for the hearing impaired.

SENATOR LAMB: About three minutes left on the bill.

SENATOR FOWLER: That is what the bill does. I move for its advancement.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Kahle is next. There is a very small amount of time left.

SENATOR KAHLE: All I want to say, Mr. President, is that it sounds like a very interesting concept and I hope that we move along with this issue.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Pirsch, we have one and a half minutes.

SENATOR PRISCH: Yes, Senator Lamb. I have a question for I guess Senator Kahle, as the Chairman of the committee.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Kahle, will you respond?

SENATOR KAHLE: Certainly.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Kahle, the A bill that accompanies this, does that reflect the committee amendment or was that the original bill, A bill?

SENATOR KAHLE: That reflects the cost as the bill now stands the way I understand it. We added nothing to it. The other channel will not cost anything. The equipment that they need out there at ETV is included in that, the extra equipment.

SENATOR PIRSCH: It will not require any more dollars for another channel?

SENATOR KAHLE: No, that is our intent at least.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Oh, as I understood it, NBC and some of the other broadcasting companies do have this closed caption viewing and I had heard that NBC was going to eliminate it because it costs them so much money to do this. In fact, I think they estimated ten million, something like that. Have you heard anything in that regard?