

what to do. They are among the most sophisticated members of the political community and they have been at work. My guess is that the Revenue Committee reports out a personal property tax solution that you all happen to like politically, and whether or not it had a public hearing or not, you'll all vote for it. We won't hear that...we won't hear Elroy Hefner stand up and say, gosh, we didn't have a public hearing on this one that happens to help farmers out. He won't be up here that day, but today he will be up defending the newspapers with this argument, the one group who have access to our Executive Sessions. They aren't at a loss for words, for power, or for access to this process, and the public hearing that we use seems to me probably does have a quality for consumers and individuals, but this is one place where there is certainly an equal contest of political intelligence...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...and access to influence in this situation.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. We will now go to Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Landis, you brought tears to my old eyes. I want you to know that. One of the few brethren, I asked Senator Crosby whether I should use the word "brethren". I wanted to make sure it includes all the men and women in the body because when you mention the small community and the tough times they are having, I hope you don't forget when I am in the minimum wage bill because you will have an opportunity to really think about them, Senator Landis. And I was really disappointed when you said you were going home mad because I can't picture a person like you going home mad because you are such a positive individual. And another thing, when you start talking about the service of those TV stations, ah, man, the old tears just started rolling down my eyes. I wonder if CNN has raised, CNN has raised their price on their political advertising. And you remember, back in October and September, when all...you'd turn on the TV and all you would see would be some political guy running for office. Boy, if that is service, boy, I will eat your hat. I know they are nonprofit, and I really appreciate that, but I think that ought to be brought out. And Senator Cudaback talked about, I have seven newspapers in my district, and none of them endorsed me but I want to tell you one thing, they took all of that money