

broadcasting is one area that Nebraska would suffer quite severely because of our location in the country, because of our access or perhaps lack of access to some...the cables that are being...privatization as being suggested in some areas of the country I think that we simply need to recognize that this is something very important to Nebraska and that we should continue this funding and make our wants known to the federal level on this particular area. So, with that, I'm not going to speak much more. I hope there are a few others who would like to at least speak to this and support this bill, this resolution.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Madam President, members, I, too, rise in support of the resolution and commend Senator Wehrbein for introducing it. Educational television and public radio are two things which I think have benefitted the State of Nebraska. A little over a month ago we were named number one in football, but for several decades now I would say that ETV in Nebraska has been number one in the country, I think. Most people recognize the Nebraska Educational Television System as the best in the country, and I would think perhaps it would qualify as one of the best, if not the best in the world. The effort that we've undertaken here in Nebraska is singularly something to be proud of. And as a state, to have seen us break ground and continue that leadership over the years is something that I think Nebraskans can feel good about. Sometimes we take these things for granted. I think that's exactly the situation with public television in Nebraska. I think we've had it so long and it's been so good we don't even recognize its value and how uniquely successful it has been. There are been problems in perhaps some other parts of the country, but I haven't seen any problems here; I've seen nothing but success, in fact, so much success sometimes I wish they didn't have such good programming in the morning when I'd like to watch something of interest to me I've got my kids fighting over Barney, Thomas the Tank Car, Big Bird and others. And so I know how much ETV is watched and hope that it will be able to continue with continued federal. And I again, commend Senator Wehrbein and others for supporting the resolution. I think this is a good message to send to the Congress.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. It is