

a real pleasure to support this resolution that Senator Wehrbein and some of the others have brought to us this morning. We enjoy the benefits of educational television every day, we enjoy the benefit of having Legislature, gavel to gavel coverage, our children learn from "Sesame Street", our grandchildren. But along with that I am really proud of Nebraska and the way it approaches the funding, aside from what the state and federal government give to television in Nebraska. The Nebraskans for Public Television have been here for at least...more than 20 years, and that group, who is a citizens group, raised the money each year to...for the programming, and that's what's really important to all of us to supplement all the money they need for the programming. That money is raised each year and not spent until the next year. They have a really good budgeting system, and I'm really proud of Jack MacBride and all his associates in the NETV Building on North 33rd Street. Nebraska doesn't need to take a backseat in any way, shape or form when it comes to our educational television. I'm sure you experience the same thing I do. If you go to another state you find a lack of good educational television programs, you don't always get "The American Experience", you don't always get "Great Performances", you don't always get "Jeeves" (phonetic), which I enjoy so much. So I just can't say enough about Nebraska Educational Television Network and why we should support it and why we should be very careful that we don't lose what we need from the Public Broadcasting Corporation in Washington, D.C. So I thank you again for bringing this resolution.

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

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. I rise also in support of this resolution and thank Senator Wehrbein for his introduction of it. I think we get some outstanding programs on both public television and public radio. I'm particularly entertained by "Click and Clack" (phonetic), the Talbot (phonetic) brothers, on Saturday morning, and learn a little bit of information at the same time I get some good humor. I think that's what public broadcasting is all about, education and at the same time being entertained and having some information there that is useful to us. Certainly the "MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour", "Nova", "Great Performances", and "The American Experience" are all part of that. It's also "Preschool Ready to Learn" series, its in school classroom programming, its "Science and Nature" specials, and those nature specials, I think, are really exceptional also. So I believe