

that our youth in this country have to endure is a problem that really bothers me. Sometimes I think that we could almost do away with 50 or more percent of the national networks, or get them to put on decent programming, as we see on public television, maybe our country would be in much better shape in total. It always bothers me when I think that we have to put out tax dollars to subsidize anything, but I guess it comes down again to a matter of priorities and where do we want to spend our money. Certainly I'm a conservative who believes that we need to balance the national budget. Certainly we do balance the budget in this state because we have to, and it would appear that it would be a good idea if that format could be carried on to the national level. However, it's like anything else, there are priorities, and I guess we have to establish those. And we need to decide where we think the cuts ought to be made, where we ought to reduce the spending. And if, as Senator Jensen has said, we have the large...that large a staff in public radio and public television then I guess somebody needs to take charge. You can only look at some of the other government programs and see the waste that's going on, it's certainly a desire of many of us that some of that can be stopped through the change and the attitude of the people in the way their money is being used. So because I think that public television and public radio provides a different avenue for many of our people to see decent programming, I feel that I, at this point, am going to be supportive of the resolution and hope that it would move forward. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Kristensen, your light is next.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. Certainly there's no public disagreement in this state about the value that public educational telecommunications has had in this state, but you can't do it both ways in today's climate. I rise probably to do the unpopular thing, and that is I'm going to vote against this particular resolution, not because of what good has been done for this state particularly with educational television, public broadcasting has been wonderful. I listen to it, I watch it, and if my daughter was a little bit older, if she knew that I was going to vote against Barney she'd probably come unglued. But I'm not voting against Barney and nobody else is either. What we're doing here is this is a larger, a much larger game being played. The larger game today is being played with Congress. And I think Senator