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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Call-in votes are accepted. There's been a request for a roll call vote. Bernard-Stevens, Senator Day, Senator Schellpeper, Senator Robak.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Madam President, may we have a reverse order vote, please?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The request is for a reverse order roll call vote. Senator Wickersham. Senator Landis, could you check in, please. Senator Day. Please proceed, Mr. Clerk, with a roll call vote in reverse order.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 716 of the Legislative Journal.) 21 ayes, 15 nays, Madam President, on the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Brashear amendment fails. I raise the call. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: It is because of the failure of the Brashear amendment that I can vote for and will vote for this amendment. The Brashear amendment attempted to say we could have guns and butter, we could have spending priorities that really didn't hurt, in a sense, because he was trying to say we really want public radio and public television, but we will not go on the record to say that it's critical and we want to spend the money. Truth of the matter is I think that Senator Matzke's argument is the best, that Senator Matzke's part of the state is bound to this part of the state by a diminishing number of ties, unfortunately, and that this is really not just having Big Bird and "Sesame Street" for urban people. The network, the cultural network and the tie between western and eastern Nebraska is critical, it's a critical spending priority no matter what happens to the freedom of the Congress or the state to choose how to spend money, that no matter how tightly you draw those priorities, I am prepared to say this is one of the things that should be in that list of priorities. That's what I think the Wehrbein amendment says or the resolution, and that's why I'll support it. If we follow down the path of constant appeasement between tough choices, which is what the Brashear amendment was, we will stay where we are now, and that is expanding budgets and a cry for fiscal sobriety and the inability to match between the two. My way out of the thicket is to say that no matter what happens with respect to the balanced budget, the issue that's raised by Senator Withem, no matter what happens on the federal basis, Nebraska is saying to the Congress, no matter how tightly