

could be as high as \$300 million that we're going to lose statewide, no matter what the Congress does we want our representatives not to cut funding for public television and public radio. And I think what we're also saying, though members of the body may not want to say this, but in fact since this is the issue we're putting forward, saying don't cut this, we're also saying that if social security might be on the table in a balanced budget amendment, don't cut public radio and television, but social security, that will be on the table because that's...otherwise we'll have a resolution to do that. Ag program subsidies, gee, yeah, probably we can cut that, that's a higher...that's a lesser priority than public radio. We want to make sure and do that, put those programs on the table. We're going to send this resolution on public radio and television because it's a higher priority certainly than Medicaid, or water and sewage programs, highway trust...highway monies coming in. And what I want the senators to be sure in their minds that they're doing, I'm going to vote in favor of the resolution. I, personally, believe that education and this type of thing is crucial to the growing fabric of democracy and the American public, but I want people to also understand that we're also saying this is a higher priority than the others. And if we start now having hundreds of resolutions come in and saying please don't cut that, then we're, as a body, not serving our constituency well, the state well or our representatives. So I'm going to be supporting this with the understanding, and I truly believe that this should not be cut but the other things should be on the table as well. And I think members need to understand that if there were other resolutions in front of us today saying we don't want them to cut farm subsidy programs, or Medicaid, or social security, would you vote for that one, too? And then you ask the question, where would you draw the line? This resolution is the only one before us today. We're saying we draw the line here, this is the one that we don't want you to cut of all the programs that are out there. So when you support the resolution, do it for the right reasons. But don't then start supporting every other resolution that comes forward and say, yeah, we don't want you to cut that, too, because those days are long gone. So I'll be supporting the resolution.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. Bernard-Stevens had a wonderful speech, it's just