

additional stations are going to make that much difference, and I think we're still going to need it. But, having said that, I also believe that we need federal public television because it provides a lot of the programming and a lot of the resources to our statewide television networks. I buy DBS's conclusion, but I don't buy all of his arguments. I think that we have to acknowledge, in this discussion that's coming up, we have to acknowledge the programs that are good and we have to support them wholeheartedly. Now I don't know how you'd change public television. Public television raises money to help support itself, it uses resources within the states to do the programming. I don't know how you could make it a better program, and yet I don't think that it could probably be out there sustaining itself on a long-term basis. If we believe in public television and we think that it's a good resource for the citizens of this state then I think that we have to show some support for it. The thing about public television that's different from all the other programs that we could be talking about is it's something that every single person in this state can use and enjoy. And I don't care what other programs you're talking about cutting at the national level, there's no other program that has quite that same impact or quite that same broad range. So, I just urge you to acknowledge that public television is good, that it's provided a wonderful service, that it's going to do nothing but get better, and I'd urge you to support this resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Kristensen a question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And as you come to your mike Senator Kristensen, I'll pose the question. If public radio and public television were to be wiped out by Congress, do you think that would work a disadvantage to people in Nebraska?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: It would work a hardship.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, thank you. Senator Witek, I'd like to ask you a question or two.