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and they don't go out to dinner or something, you know, that's how we do it in our family, we...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR WITEK: ...we expanded our cable coverage and cut out some other things.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think since calculators are now readily affordable by practically every person, and certainly all students, that it's no longer necessary to teach computational skills or math?

SENATOR WITEK: That is what the educational elite is telling me, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I'm asking you your opinion.

SENATOR WITEK: (Laugh.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, following your...

SENATOR WITEK: Senator Withem would probably be able to answer your question better than I.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...no, I want to follow your philosophy that you say public radio and television are no longer needed so get rid of them now. Since calculators are readily available, is it necessary to continue teaching math, in your opinion?

SENATOR WITEK: I...actually, I don't see the...the...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm just asking you...

SENATOR WITEK: ...similarities between math and TV.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I know you can't, so trust me and just...can you respond to the question.

SENATOR WITEK: No, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think it's necessary to continue teaching math?

SENATOR WITEK: Yes, I definitely hope that we will continue