

Educational Television. I like educational television. I contribute to educational television. My mother who lives far away from here in greater Nebraska referred to by Senator Matzke watches educational television. But I didn't understand until I heard the discussion between the members of the body this morning that that isn't what this is all about. What we're doing apparently is we're saying, irrespective of the facts, irrespective of whether you can cut enough \$600 hammers or toilet seats or whatever it is, I can't remember which, irrespective of whether you decrease bloated congressional staffs, executive staffs, irrespective of what cuts you can or can't do or don't make in Congress based upon your careful examination of the issues which we have not examined, we're telling you fund this and I knew there would be tough days here. I did not think it would ever be on a nonbinding legislative resolution, but the fact is, regrettably, now that I understand that we're trying to tell the Congress what to do when we don't have the facts, I must vote no. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Witek, followed by Senators Bohlke and Wickersham.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, as I'm looking through this also, this legislative guide, Legislator's Guide to Nebraska State Agency. I see that the Director of Nebraska Educational Television is Herb Schimek who is also a lobbyist for the education people. So I want everybody to be aware of that and I want that on the record, to know that a lot of this push too comes from people outside the body, not just on this floor, lobbying one way or another for or against it. And I guess I also wanted to ask people in this body that, and this is like so many issues, if you think this is so great, you go ahead and if we...and stop taking money out of my pocket because I don't have any more and you go ahead like Senator Brashear and you take your own money and contribute to keep these things running. That's what America is talking about right now. We're not talking about all these other issues about how worthy it is or who's lobbying for it or any of these other things, but we're talking about please, start cutting these budgets where you can and if you want to do something like this and you have a lot of...you think that this is advantageous, then you take your own money out of your own pocket and you contribute to keep these things running because families are strapped to the minimum out there. They are trying to hang onto their farms, their businesses, their houses and you're coming in here telling us