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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...in both digital and analog and...and that will be a period of transition. So I want to make sure everybody understands that this is not an economic development issue. This is not one where we're trying to attract new business into the state. We're trying to keep the people who are here who have this unique federal mandate. Realize that these people have a license. They're not...they're not entrepreneurs. They have a...they have a license that is a very valuable license. If they go out of business, the FCC just sells the license to the next person that comes along who probably won't, in the smaller markets, won't remain there. That's the reason I'm involved with the bill. It's for the smaller broadcasters around the state and, as you begin to look at it, quite frankly, on a national scheme, all of our broadcasters, even the largest one in Omaha, is a fairly small operation compared to the nationals. I think this makes a good use. The Revenue Committee has seen fit that it's not going to be a broad-based exemption and, Senator Beutler,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...my time is out, but I...I'd answer any other questions you might have.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. We are discussing the committee amendments to LB 171. Senator Beutler, and this will your third time. Senator Beutler waives off. Senator Vrtiska, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I'd like to ask Senator Kristensen a question, if I might.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield to a question, Senator Kristensen?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Kristensen, I do...still do have my 1950 model television set.