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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I'm sorry, Senator, and I apologize for picking on you, but you're...

SENATOR VRTISKA: That's okay.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...you're the closest one I sit to...

SENATOR VRTISKA: That's okay.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...every year and...

SENATOR VRTISKA: My question is, with this new digital equipment, and obviously we're going to have to buy new television sets, right?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yeah, over a period of time. If you want to enjoy the digital signal. They're...they're working on now that that digital signature...or digital signal may be able to be broadcast into the...your older TV but you won't gain any of the benefits of it. But, practical matter, over a period of time, yes, you're going to have to buy a new TV.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I was visiting with my local TV man and he was telling me about the big change, how much better it's going to be, but obviously the television sets are going to cost a lot of money. In order to switch over to the new digital equipment in your home, you're going to have to pay a lot of money. And I guess if we're going to give an exemption to these people who have to put their equipment in, are we willing to give an exemption to me if I have to buy a new television set in order to enjoy the services that are provided by those telephone...television companies?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Well, that's a...that's a fair question and the answer to that is obviously not. And the reason that you do that is that by the time this occurs, I don't remember when the first VCR that you purchased was but the first VCR in Minden cost about \$1,100. I bought one three weeks ago that's a better VCR, more features, it does a better job. I bought it for \$100. The trouble is nobody told me that, Doug Kristensen, you've got to buy a new VCR before my old one wore out. The same way is true with your TV. You'll still be using that TV. There is a