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expected to go along with the times. We have to comply with child labor laws. We have to comply with rules and regulations that are set down by the federal government and state government, those are mandates, too. I've not decided how I'm going to vote on this issue, but I can see a double-edged sword here that's coming down the path. Where are we going to stop with this? If we do it for this industry, is another industry going to come in and say, look, I'm spending huge amounts of dollars here to comply with the regulation, I'm going to need a tax break, too. I want you to keep this in mind as we're discussing it. I'm sure we're going to be on this for quite some time. Just think about it. It's not just the communication people, it's other people that are in business also. Farmers are in the same boat. You have mandates put upon you, whether you realize it or not the federal government is telling you what to do, too.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: So think about these. Think about these things a little bit. It...it's...it's not only communication. I...we need these television stations, absolutely. The television station in Hastings and Grand Island, small peanuts compared to some of the larger network stations, like the ones in Lincoln and Omaha. These people are between a rock and a hard spot, I realize that, but so is the guy who's going to have to buy a new TV. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam Chairman and members, I support LB 171 for an awful lot of reasons. I sit on the Appropriations Committee with so many others in the room, and I can't divide out how much of the \$59 million, almost \$60 million we had to budget for because of the federal mandate that affects the public systems we have in the state that we support. I think that's a chunk of money. What we're talking about in the form of an exemption is less than one-tenth of that. Some of you are talking in terms of the principle of it all. Well, I think (laugh) that argument could be used as it applied to LB 775, where tax exemptions were given so that people could compete with other businesses from across the country and with other communities. Where do you