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SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Madam President, members of the body, this has actually been one of the more interesting discussions, I think, that we've had on the floor this year. We're talking about philosophy of exemptions, we're talking about the business operation of the state and we're also talking about an ongoing industry in our state, the television industry. I thought it was interesting, we got the contrast of Senator Janssen's thumb and Senator Vrtiska's old TV set. But we have other things that we need to consider. This morning I feel a little bit like Tevye, in "Fiddler On The Roof", I'm perplexed. There's no precedential reason that we should be doing this, this morning. But on the other hand, we did it for public television, and on the other hand, our tax code is damaged, I think, by continued exemption, but on the other hand, we have a TV station, for example, in North Platte, it's got a limited market, it's a very difficult financial thing to handle, and yet it allows a big segment of our state to have local coverage that it would not have if it wasn't for that station. And I think we have to consider that we can talk, as has been mentioned, the big TV businesses, like ABC, Fox and so forth, that is big business. But in a smaller community, such as North Platte, this is a very significant part of our...of our public interest, the ability that the station has to communicate with its people, with local events that you wouldn't get if you just took it off of the wire service. And it's something that I think we need to consider what we are doing potentially to these businesses if we don't support this. So, it's a question, should we...should we come in and have exemptions such as we did for so many industries? Is there a real reason why this particular industry in this particular time should be treated in a separate fashion? And it appears that when you think of what we may lose, if it doesn't go, and I can't say that the small TV sets...TV stations will go under as a result of this, but I say that it's a very difficult thing for them to handle financially, and I think we should take that in mind, considering the special mandate that has taken place. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Wickersham, followed by Raikes, Chambers and Cudaback.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. I'm...I'm