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in any respect? I can't answer that in the affirmative. I really thought this was about money and I thought it was about money that television stations needed to stay in business. Senator Kristensen just supported an amendment to cut it in half. Maybe it isn't really about money. Maybe it's just about getting what you want. And maybe it is about setting that precedent that you, folks, will ultimately want to be protected against, because at some point in time you'll understand that this isn't something you can do. You can't spend money like this for very long and have anything left for the needs of the state. You can't do it. There are other priorities than spending money on broadcasters. Senator Suttle pointed out a couple of them. There are other priorities. There are other uses for these dollars.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Please don't let yourself be caught in a twofold decision that is wrong on two counts: one, it is...it is very bad policy, will come home to haunt us, will come home to haunt you; and, secondly, this just cannot be a priority for the state of Nebraska. I don't understand setting this as a priority above the other things that we have to do this session, the other things, the other needs of the state. This does not rise...this is not cream that rises to the top. It cannot do it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Lynch. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. Question before the body is, shall debate cease on the advancement of LB 171 to E & R for engrossing? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate does cease. I will recognize Senator Kristensen to close, if he wishes to.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Briefly, I do. Mr. President, I'd ask to place the house under call first during my closing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There has been a request to place the house