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SPEAKER NICHOL: Any discussion? Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, for eight years I have ridden to and from Lincoln with Senator Dave Newell. He has been public radio in his own right. I will not have him to ride with for the next two years. I deserve public radio in my car and so do the rest of the people in the State of Nebraska. This is a simple bill to do. It does not cost much money. It is time that we did it. There is no reason why it not be done. You have been told lots of bad things by commercial broadcasters. Public radio exists in most states and, in fact, does exist in Omaha. Omaha is the only place where you can get public radio. It should be available throughout the rest of the state so that the children don't have to listen all the time to rock and roll songs and all kinds of crummy things but actually can listen to some classical music, some good news, some good programming and the like. It only will cost what, David? \$57,000. It is a cheap inexpensive parting gift for our good colleague, Mr. Public Radio, Dave Newell.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Goodrich, then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I ask for the Chair to rule on germaneness.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Newell, would you like to talk on germaneness a while?

SENATOR NEWELL: Well we strike everything and it will be just as germane after we strike all the other provisions of this bill. It will be the only thing in there and it will be germane.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, that is right. Senator Chambers, would you like to talk on germaneness or public radio?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, what Senator Newell said not only is a correct statement of his own opinion but the State Supreme Court has ruled several times that this procedure can be followed, that the entire contents can be stripped from a bill leaving