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think there's a serious question that has not been addressed this morning, as to whether you want a public entity, a political subdivision of the state of Nebraska, controlling local programming and news services that come to a community. I live in a small community. We have one cable television service. That cable television service determines what programs we have available, what networks we have available. I would prefer to have that determined by free competition and private industry and not have a political subdivision of the state of Nebraska determining what news services, what news we get, what programs we get. I think this is an area that has to be...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...well thought out before we start enacting legislation which puts public power districts in the television business. I would urge that the amendment be defeated.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I would just like to tell the body again what my amendment does. "On page 2, strike beginning with the comma on line 3 through the period in line 13, show the old matter as stricken, and insert an underscored period." All it does is, on page 2, strike after...beginning with the comma in line 3, strike to line 13. And all that does do...what we do here is strike the fact that we're...authorize public power to provide signal descrambling. It doesn't say anything about a monopoly or anything else. We do not...and I'm not an attorney...I'm responding to Senator Matzke's comment. I believe he was referring to Section 254, the federal law. And I have 253. And I have 254, which says...Section 20 adds a new Section, 254, to the communications act is intended to remove all barriers to entry in the provision of telecommunication services. That's remove all barriers. Subsection (a) of the new Section 254 preempts any state and local statutes and regulations or state and local requirements that may prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting any entity from providing intrastate or interstate telecommunication services. States may not exercise this authority, the ability to impose competitively-neutral regulations on telecommunication providers in a way that has the