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having to do with public TV in this country and going to digital TV--almost an absolute necessity if we're going to continue to have a system that's state of the art and really functions well. Yet this kind of thing, which is going to be several millions of dollars for public TV, is repeated over and over and over again in every agency. So all I'm suggesting to you today is...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...we've....

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: For discussion on the amendment to LB 446, Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am speaking to the Wehrbein amendment because I...I really think that a lot of the points that Senator Beutler made are very good points. They're important points that we need to look at from an appropriations standpoint. But for a lot of the reasons that Senator Beutler made those...those comments, I would support the Wehrbein amendment very strongly. As one of the cosponsors of the bill that established the Information Technology Commission, I think it's absolutely imperative when we're talking about the kinds of money that we're talking about, the potential over the years, that it be a part of the Technology Commission. It was exactly for these kinds of projects that the Information Technology Commission was established. The goal was to provide coordination between levels of gov...amongst levels of government and to provide coordination with communities, and this is exactly the kind of project that merits inclusion within the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, because it is multidimensional in terms of different levels of government and it certainly involves communities. And the kind of coordination that was envisioned in the legislation that established the Information Technology Commission is just exactly this kind of a project. When Senator Tyson talked about four different systems, yes, those are the kinds of problems that we have in place because we don't have the coordination currently, and that was...was exactly what the Technology Commission was put in place to deal with. There are three councils that help the Technology Commission to do their work: an Education Council, a Government Council and, importantly, a Community Council.