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SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, first I think we ought to look at the position we might be getting ourselves into. I've been advised by those who should know that to broadcast these things every day we are in session will not cost this Unicameral any money which has been a reversal of what they told us a short time ago. It seemed to me that ETV--

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter, may I interrupt just a moment. I am sending a page back to have your microphone raised because I have to have it raised because we can't quite hear you, sir. Please pardon the interruption but other than that I have to readjust the whole volume up here in order to handle this and it is very difficult to do. Thank you, and I apologize for the interruption.

SENATOR CARPENTER: It seems to me that and I arrived at this conclusion when I unfortunately ran for the United State Senate when I accumulated many audiences and I found out that they-- 95% of them probably knew nothing about either the state or the federal government and for the most part, they agreed with me because I told them at the time they were there of my conclusion. That's a horrible thing to believe and to say but I think it's true. ETV is the only media by which we might if the people are interested and there is some question even about that. But if they are interested by choice, if they can look at what we say and do in this body whenever we meet I think that is a good thing. It is my understanding that the commission will poll every privately owned television station in the state and ask them whether or not they'd like to have a copy of the thirty minute proceedings of this body when we are in session. If they indicate they do not they will not be further bothered. Senator Proud is concerned about editing and I presume rightfully so. We all are. We all like to read things that's favorable to us. We dislike, for the most part, to listen to those things which are not favorable. Now editing, for example whatever you want to call it, is not a new thing because it has been going for a long time and because we edit the weekly television show and I have not heard a single complaint from any Senator as to the accuracy or the acceptability of that type of an editing and I can't believe that it will be any different when we have thirty minute programs each day if that is your desire. In so far as I am concerned, I do not care personally whether you do it or whether you don't but I do think there may be a lot of people in this state who, otherwise, would have not thought about it if we say we are not going to do it. We are not going to allow you to see us each day in the area in which we operate, what we say and what we do and I don't think you should be in that position. For after all, it is our collective responsibility. But first let me say it is not going to cost us anything. They indicate they are not going to have to raise any dollars from the state taxation in order to do what they have been doing. They've indicated it is almost impossible to have colored television. There are two reasons, first, the cost. It would cost \$250,000 for colored cameras. Now that is not so bad because they have admitted that the federal government has and will give them that amount and more for the acquiring of colored cameras. There is no reason while we're in session we can't borrow a camera or cameras in order to take these proceedings down in color

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