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and as long as ETV is being allowed to film as they desire, I would see nothing wrong with it.

SPEAKER: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President and members of the legislature, on this matter, Senator Simpson's people in Lincoln can walk down to the Chamber, and attend the hearing if they want, whereas most people out state who get Cable TV if they want to get any information on this they have a little more difficulty walking down to the Chamber. I can't imagine why anybody would want to deprive anybody in Nebraska, from being informed as to what the discussion and arguments in this particular resolution or bill are, and I can't imagine why anybody would want to limit who is allowed who is to take pictures, listen or watch or anything else, and what he is trying to do is impose some type of limitation, which I think is unreasonable.

SPEAKER: Senator Barnett and then Senator Snyder.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well Mr. President I couldn't disagree with Senator DeCamp any more as a member of that committee, I think the ERA has probably received so much publicity there isn't any other bills before this body at the present time, and I'm sure you feel that way Mr. Speaker and I sympathize with you for that. I'm going to tell you one thing, I'm, have to sit on that committee and listen to this bill and I've tried to maintain a neutral position before the hearing. Now if we are going to have TV down here day and night, and we got to sit under these lights day and night, I think it is about time you give us a dressing room back there and start having makeup facilities so that we can appear decent before the cameras. If you want publicity, as Senator DeCamp said, that's what you'll get, there is any doubt about it and anybody that wants this kind of publicity all you have to do is get in with an issue like this, and let it ride for about two months and you can get all you want. I'm for trying to get this thing over with and getting it, whether it's out to the floor or whether it's killed or what happens to the ERA movement and I just can't go along with Senator DeCamp's arguments, I think if this committee has the public hearing that's televised then let's start moving the cameras into every hearing and every committee there is in this capitol and on every issue, I don't think that this issue is any different or any more special than any of the others.

SPEAKER: Senator Snyder and then Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I wish to support the motion offered by Senator Simpson, in fact I seconded that motion. At any rate there was a statement that he made that may have gone unnoticed by many as we were moving around the body, but he said that the Cable Television is not available to the residents of his district. I won't take too long on this, but it's something that I can recall too vividly about two years ago, and that is Cable television and a metropolitan market. Now in the sparsely populated areas Cable television is a great thing, but Cable television often times, often times in taking a product that was manufactured by someone else, reselling it, with no compensation to the original author, and this goes against every grain in my body, and I think it certainly goes against every grain of private enterprise in this country, and I for one in this body am not going to give a vote to allow a Cable television firm to come in here and carry proceedings that are not being offered to all the citizens of an area that it should be right-fully serving, and I would hope that the body would take, if not for any other point, take this point, because it is one that we are going to be confronted with in Omaha, Lincoln now has it