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legislation the type of programming that will be carried by ETV. As I say, in this particular instance I have made my personal determination that expressly providing particularized programming for the senior citizens is of outweighing value to the danger inherent in this body dictating the type of programming that will be carried by ETV. But it is a real question and a real issue and I think one that each member of this body should assess gravely.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, I wonder is Senator Kennedy would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy, would you yield?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Certainly.

SENATOR STAHMER: Senator Kennedy, you mentioned the possibility that this could have been handled by a Resolution. Would it still be possible to handle it by a Resolution, to meet the possible objections of the Senators, such as Senator Snyder and, perhaps, myself. I read oftentimes in Time Magazine about how the French in their government control the news media that control television. I think we have some doubts. Could this possibly be handled through a Resolution of some kind suggesting our intent or that they should look into this without having legislation concerning it?

SENATOR KENNEDY: I am sure in my mind it could be and I, personally, made a mistake. I felt that I said that here because I think it could have been handled with a Resolution and I think it could, probably, have been handled by the Committee sitting down with ETV Board themselves which we have done before, but so many of us are a little discouraged with some of the programming. We felt we could change the routing of that program, but, again, we are setting up something here that I am not sure. It does give us a question.

SENATOR STAHMER: Senator Kennedy, I can share your sentiment with some of the thoughts on programming. I am wondering, perhaps, if we are budgeting enough money for them to have the origination of programs that really concern Nebraskans or of direct concern to Nebraskans. I've, myself, corresponded with the ETV people and they have many wonderful programs that are shipped in here on tape that are national in scope. I think we do need things concerning the Nebraska problems but I am wondering if this shouldn't be looked at in a total package and looked at from a total monetary picture, rather than one particular thing in one particular piece of legislation. Would you be opposed, for instance, to bracketing this bill until yourself and others that might be interested in such programs or additional programs concerning Nebraska could meet with the ETV people and see if anything could be worked out?

SENATOR KENNEDY: I, again, I say that I think it could have been handled by Resolution. I think it could by..probably, but we were trying to point out something and I am sure that when the gentleman came and testified, it took a lot of nerve for him. He started spelling out some of the things and that brought it to our attention a little more, and then when we come with an "A" bill which was not suppose to be part of it

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