

be a good policy to do Senator Carsten. I think that the more we can open this body to the public, even if it is later. I have heard a lot of people say that they used to go to bed at ten O'clock and ten-thirty but now they stay up until 11:00 just to watch this program. I think that we have done something here that other bodies have not done in the United States. I hope that we could continue it. Senator Carsten, I might assure you that I am not.....if they cut me completely out of every day of the action on the floor of the legislature, it is satisfactory with me. I'm not trying to use this as a forum, I only talk when I have important bills here.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett, you are standing on your feet.

SENATOR BARNETT: A point of order if I could. I would like to be excused and I hate to interrupt this, but I could pick it up tonight at 10:30 on the Frank Lewis if it would be OK with you. Could I be excused for about 10 or 15 minutes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett has asked to be excused, anyone object? Senator Barnett is excused. Next to speak is Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I think that I have the explanation for Senator Carsten's problem, because a couple of weeks ago we had a similar thing in here, something that I thought was real important I watched I think for the first time I watched channel 12 that night and there wasn't anything on it, so I went and discussed it with the ETV people and they explained it to me that essentially as follows, which would be the explanation that would probably apply here. They are working of course with a limited amount of time, and therefore they want to get not only the most important issues, but a broad coverage, and for example if an issue comes up that they are only going to have once chance at or that is terminating, then they will give that issue that day, whereas if an important issue comes up and is just starting that they will have later debate and a later opportunity to go into it in depth, they may postpone it. Lets look at the example of yesterday, LB1028, I think, this bill yesterday was just merely moved to the floor and we were discussing whether or not we were even going to move it to the head of General File and things like that. Theoretically we were not even debating the merits of the issue. Now we have got it here on the floor and in the next 20-21 days we will be debating it intensely. We will be putting out more information, more solid information than any of us had yesterday. What occurred yesterday, the intense discussion on it was somewhat spontaneous and not even within the strict perimeters of the rule on it. We will get a chance to hear that issue in full I am sure on channel 12 in the future. Some of the other issues that he mentioned that were covered last night were on the last legs, for example school district 66, that is now dead and it died yesterday and I guess that they showed the death of it. It isn't that they are trying to eliminate an important issue, I think that it is in their judgment they have a better opportunity to give us more broad coverage of it in the future when it actually does come up for complete floor debate. The other aspect as to whether the TV is serving any good, I think that you should look into, is that when I first came here, which wasn't too long ago, a lot of people up in my district, and I'm sure a lot of people in everybody's district really didn't know, and this is the God's truth, they did not know that the state legislature was a separate body distinct from Congress and was located here in Lincoln. They believed