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notice in your presentation from the committee to the floor to place this on the floor without a dissenting vote. I am asking you to advance this bill to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I would just like to ask Senator Koch one question. I think I know the answer and the question is, this has nothing to do whatsoever with educational radio. Does it?

SENATOR KOCH: No, it doesn't.

SENATOR NICHOL: Thank you.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: All right, Senator Koch has replied. The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I wonder if Senator Koch would respond to some questions.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Senator Koch, will you respond to a question?

SENATOR KOCH: Yes.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Koch, my questions are so that I understand what the bill proposes now. The funding you are speaking of, currently this is federal funds that they are using?

SENATOR KOCH: Federal plus what they have been able to raise locally on a volunteer basis, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: And some cash funds. Is the presumption here that there was to be added general funds at a level of \$30,000?

SENATOR KOCH: The presumption is that Department of Public Institutions would contract with the stations for the purpose of carrying on the service to the blind and it would be approximately \$30,000 a year.

SENATOR WARNER: Of general fund money?

SENATOR KOCH: That is correct or appropriated directly to the Department of Public Institutions in their budget.

SENATOR WARNER: Would it be appropriate that this bill carries an A bill?