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LB 60, 124

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Senator Koch, will you respond?

SENATOR SIMON: Senator Koch, the question I had is somewhat along the line that Senator Dworak was talking about. I'm sure you are familiar with LB 60 that Senator Fowler introduced this past session and my question to you is, what relationship would 124 have with 60 in terms of whether LB 60 passed or did not pass?

SENATOR KOCH: You will have to enlighten me on 60. I am not familiar with it right now.

SENATOR SIMON: Well LB 60 is Senator Fowler's bill on public radio.

SENATOR KOCH: Right now I don't know why we want to mix this up with public radio. We have had public radio before this body for several years and I know that there is some mixed emotion. The reason that they did not ask to put it with ETV is because no doubt public radio may eventually go with ETV if we ever approve of it. Secondly, in the Department of Public Institutions you have the division for the visually impaired services and if we have a division there then we felt it was best to put it within that department now because that is the division that takes care of visually handicapping.

SENATOR SIMON: I guess the natural question that would follow...(interruption)

SENATOR KOCH: And if we ever get public radio, Senator Simon, then I would assume that this would go from the D.P.I. to wherever public radio was and that is where it would be handled, this program would be totally.

SENATOR SIMON: That is exactly the question. If LB 60 passed I would hate to see any sort of duplication nor do I want to see any sort of fragmentation and I would want to make sure that...(interruption)

SENATOR KOCH: That is correct. Possibly you could put a self-destruct in this piece of legislation and if public radio passes then this program would transfer to that and Mr. Parker, that question was asked of him and he said that is where it would be. However, until such time as we get it, we cannot wait until we get public radio because otherwise it is going to lapse.

SENATOR SIMON: I guess my only other comment then would be, Senator Koch, if, and I certainly don't want to tell