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would suggest to you that the wheels of ETV will not cease to turn if this item is not expended this year. I would suggest also that I am as proud of my heritage as anyone, and I would be the first to endorse the idea of spending a hundred thousand dollars to preserve the heritage of this state if the money is available and if times are good. I know that it sounds like the same old record when I tell it to you, but I have told you and told you and told you over the last two and a half months that we are not going to have the revenue. Livestock, both cattle and hogs were down the limit today. Grains also went down seriously. The economy is slowing down. A young man whom I talked with and he is not a young man any more, several months ago, who thought that I was whistling Dixie when I told him what the impact of the embargo would be, today tells me he lost his job. He is out of work after more than twenty years with the same company. Why? No sales. I suggest, ladies and gentlemen, that you had better recognize that we all live in the real world and it is going to be a question of \$700,000 for perhaps employees who need to support families, or \$700,000 for hardware which we can do without. I think that we have reached the point where in this instance certainly there will be no great loss to the State of Nebraska. In fact, there have been those who have suggested that it might even be a gain if we let the private sector handle a little more of the work which is presently being handled by the public. I would hope that you would adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any further discussion? Senator Warner and then Senator Koch. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, let me briefly explain the differences that I understand between the committee recommendations and Senator Schmit's amendments which takes it down to the same level that the Governor recommended. Part of that difference is in the salary policies, you recall the Governor was at 7% the committee equates into 11, so about 43,000 of the difference is there. This additional \$55,000 in our budget that was outlined in the red covered book which is additional cost for the communication cost, telecommunication cost of national, of a national systems programs that have come in. It is true that it does have the Nebraska Heritage series which is the up-dating of the Nebraska History, the current one as I recall is about twenty years old. There is additional funding for programming, post secondary education. The major item is equipment and the committee policy, what we have in the bill is consistent with the committee policy which was to put in replacement equipment, but not new equipment. It

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