

of educational television just because there is some disagreement about whether or not in fact someone can understand what Senator Johnson says or not. I have sat on this floor and listened to Senator Johnson and many times I would have liked to have somebody explain to me what Senator Johnson had just said particularly when he gets into some of his legalistic terminology. So I don't think that it is necessarily inappropriate to have an interpreter for the State of Nebraska. I often wish we had one here on the floor of the Legislature. It seems to me that we must take a long term perspective on this budget, realize that it was built in the same way on equipment replacement that a private television station is built, realize that last year the budget was low for the very reason that we did not put in equipment replacement. Deferring it this year is going to give us at least a three year back log. In the long term it means that we will not have an educational television system at all. I would oppose Senator Schmit's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I don't see five hands. Okay, I do now. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate ceases. Senator Schmit, do you want to close on your amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes Mr. President, first of all I would just like to comment upon the increases allowed for the salary personnel, 11%. Greater than that which has been allowed to the rank and file state employee, as pointed out by Senator Clark. I have no quarrel with the quality of people we have. I think that we have good people at all levels. I would like to give them more, I would like to give them all more. Again as Senator Clark has pointed out with an 18% to 20% to 25% rate of inflation the kind of raises we are talking for, for individuals are not going to be adequate. There are going to be individual citizens who are going to be hard pressed to meet the responsibilities before the year is over. I wish that the members of this body would pay some attention to what we are doing here today. Senator, I believe that it was Dworak, said that we have this beautiful building out there. I agree. This is also what I cautioned you about several days ago. It is