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LB 998, 999

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes. During the second world war when England was bombed and bombed and bombed and the English people were driven into the underground, there were certain things that held them together. One of the things that held them together was reading Anthony Trollope, reading the Barchester Tower Series. Some of the things that held people together were civilizing values, because those are the common themes. Now let me suggest this. You and I may be going through hard times economically, but I, personally, will rejoice in having available to all of us sound public libraries where we can go and get our books and see how other people in other times have lived, and we may escape for a while what's happening. We will have sound television which provides for us poetry, Shakespeare, music, the arts, drama. You know, what sense is there...what sense is there in being something less than full people? We think, when we think of television maybe we think somewhat like Senator Merz of the commercial channels where you can watch Laverne and Shirley and Happy Days and a lot of the other pabulum that is around, but Educational Television isn't that. Educational Television is something which tries to cause us to look to the highest form of ourselves, and I suggest in the end that putting some money into capital equipment will help us make it through the hard times, will be the equivalent to our having good books in the underground, in London, during the blitz. I support the override.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner, your light is still on, do you want to talk? The question before the House is the override on the Educational Television. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting no.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on pages 1994 and 1995 of the Legislative Journal.) 15 ayes, 33 nays, 2 not voting, Mr. President. It's 14 and 33, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion lost.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner has a motion on LB 999.