

March 26, 1981

LB 78

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 78 (Title read.). The bill was first read on January 9. It was referred to the Education Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments by the Education Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, do you want to move the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 78?

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 78.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to approve the committee amendments to LB 78. All those in favor...Senator Cullan, your light is on.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it is customary on occasion at least for the introducer of the committee amendments to give us a little brief synopsis of what he might be doing and I would request Senator Koch to give us just a little bit of information before we move this thing along or don't move this thing along.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Senator Cullan. What the committee did, we tried to establish a priority under which the public radio would be established. Since eastern Nebraska has several radios now that are public, that that area does not need to be of a priority. So what we said there was that we will begin in the areas where the need is the greatest and antennas are already in place and it can be put in place with some degree of, well, immediacy. That is all we are doing.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle. Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: I really want to talk on the bill but maybe I can talk on this, too. I have a real problem with public radio and have over the years. When I span across my radio dial, either FM or AM, there are enough stations to get just about any kind of a program you want and a few you don't. I think perhaps those that want public radio so bad should do as a group of farmers did a number of years ago and build their own radio station. You can put anything you want to out over it. You can even advertise and promote a vet school and nobody is going to stop you. So I think public radio is an unnecessary thing. I am really surprised that Senator Dworak is willing to spend the money and I know that they are going to tell me I am not talking about the amendments so I will quit for now.