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Thought you would like to know". Here's the program they are going to put on public radio in New York City. Vrrroooooomm! Star Wars. We're going to have a galaxy far, far away.....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Try that outside next time.

SENATOR HABERMAN: ....and we are going to have Star Wars on public radio. That's what they are doing there. Did you say something?

SPEAKER MARVEL: I said try that outside next time.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I would like to tell you one more thing that the general public really doesn't know, and I will give you an example of what can happen to a governmental agency or to a government radio or government TV. Did you know at the present time in Lincoln, Nebraska, if you buy Cablevision, you can have gavel to gavel coverage of what goes on in this Legislature live. And do you know what Cablevision pays for that? Not one penny. Yes, the citizens of Lincoln get, and who would want to watch it sometimes, they get it free from gavel to gavel. Cablevision goes in and they say, buy this for \$9 a month and look what you get and nobody else in the state gets it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you. So, for the \$4 million that we are kicking into ETV we are kicking into private enterprise and giving them something free, and I think this is wrong and the same thing could happen in public radio, and I ask you to vote green on the motion to indefinitely postpone 78. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the indefinite postponement of the bill. All those in favor of indefinitely postponing the bill vote aye, opposed vote no. It takes a simple majority. Have you all voted? Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Record vote, please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record vote has been requested. Record the vote.

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on page 1187 of the Legislative Journal.) 28 ayes, 12 nays, 9 not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion carried. The bill is indefinitely postponed. Senator Marsh.