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SENATOR KAHLE: No, I sure haven't. I know they have the same possibility. The way we understood this it would take some equipment out there and then, of course, the device that you need on your TV costs about \$300. Now there is some companies already building them right in the sets. Sears Roebuck has a set that will have that possibility right in it and, of course, there are so many possibilities that can happen. To my knowledge, to be honest with you, I think that is the total cost as we see the project as the bill states it. If I am wrong, why...

SENATOR PIRSCH: I guess I am a little curious as to why the national networks who have this are...

SENATOR LAMB: One minute on the bill.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...now eliminating it from their budgets. Thank you, Senator Kahle.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Fowler, do you wish to close? You have less than a minute.

SENATOR FOWLER: Senator Pirsch's question, the technology we are talking about here is much smaller in scale than the closed captioning. This is just a text service that replaces the picture. It is real hard to explain unless you actually see it but it is not the closed captioning that you are talking about for all the programs. I think the Government Committee was fairly impressed that information, a full day's information on the screen could be provided at a very limited cost. There is a one time equipment cost and then a small operating cost to continue it. I think it is a concept that is very cost effective and will reach a service population in Nebraska that needs to be reached. So I move it be advanced.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion is to advance the bill. All those in support vote aye, those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting yes.

SENATOR LAMB: Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR LAMB: LB 854 advances. Before we continue, under the South balcony we have Del Harsh and Ken Harsh from Cambridge, friends of Senator Tom Vickers. Would you stand and be recognized. Welcome to the Legislature. LB 854A, Senator Fowler.

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