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CLERK: Mr. President, (read title).

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, if you look at the A bill, it kind of indicates the cost. The first year cost would be \$94,000. Subsequent years it would drop to \$43,000. The first year cost is higher because there is some equipment that needs to be purchased. Then the operating cost is simply for people to type up, develop this text that would be on the screen and to lease some text services and to operate the equipment. It would provide for someone that had a decoder on their TV, you would be able to get this screen of information of words of text anytime that ETV was being broadcast. Now if you don't have a decoder in your set, you would not get any information out of that. So it is essential that this only go to people who have decoders. The people that are purchasing those are the hearing impaired because they want to get this other service that Senator Pirsch was referring to and that is captioning under regular TV programs. So with that I would move for advancement of the A bill.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion is to advance the bill. All those in support vote aye, those opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting yes.

SENATOR LAMB: Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the A bill.

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