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not need the \$72,000 which is being appropriated in this fashion. Those decisions would be made by the Executive Board of the Legislature and if, in fact, we need those funds, then they could be expended for staff. I personally believe that the Legislature would function better and the process would work better without full time televised coverage. I would like to make it clear that I'm not trying to kick the press out or do anything to restrict coverage of the Legislature but I do want to ensure that we are an open body but I wonder whether it is necessary that we fund full time coverage of the Legislature on television and on public television. I think the private media does an adequate job of informing the citizens of the State of Nebraska of the activities here in the Legislature and full time coverage I don't think adds to that substantially and so I think as a matter of priorities, a staff and adequate research assistance is more important. So I would urge you to join me and I believe thirteen or fourteen other legislators in this motion to LB 212 today. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR NEWELL: A point of order. Mr. President, I'm sure that the amendment that Senator Cullan offers and his thirteen other people, legislators, excuse me, is neither germane nor appropriate nor needed at this late hour. I would like to have...

SENATOR CLARK: Well you are right. It is not germane.

SENATOR NEWELL: ...and, thank you. There is a lot of other things it is not also.

SENATOR CLARK: Is that enough for you?

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, that is probably what I wanted.

SENATOR CLARK: All right, cut his mike off. Give him a hacksaw, let him cut it off. I'll rule it not germane. It has nothing to do with cancer research. If we would allow this we would allow any appropriation on any A bill. We cannot do that. So I have to rule it not germane. If you want to contest that, you can. Senator Haberman, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR HABERMAN: A question of the Chair, please.

SENATOR CLARK: Yes.