

inserts "as funds become available." So the purpose of the committee amendments are to, first of all, set up a preference so that the statewide network will be extended to those underserved areas, and to also clarify that financial support would be forthcoming as funds are available from all of the sources, including the private and the federal sources. That is the committee amendments and I would urge their adoption to LB 461.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Is there any discussion regarding the committee amendments? If not, we will vote on the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 461. Those in favor...excuse me, please, Senator Nelson. Okay, we will vote on the adoption of the committee amendments. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Thank you. If I may interrupt a minute, we have guests of Senator Sieck in the north balcony. They are 35 college students from York College, their government class, with their teacher. Welcome to the Legislature and I hope you enjoy your afternoon. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, as the committee amendments have now been adopted, we have changed the bill substantially and I think have gone from what we might originally have considered the Cadillac approach to the used car approach now where we are narrowing the scope of this bill down significantly to a point where it is totally permissive for the people interested in establishing a statewide public radio system to begin the proceedings of raising some money, much as they do now with public television, and trying to bring out public donations and just, basically, find out whether there is some genuine interest in the areas of Nebraska that are not served by public radio, that if they can generate the necessary funding that they can have that public radio in the future. Now as I said, there is not one dollar of state tax support that will support this program under this proposal at this time. That does not prevent the fact that in future years if we decide to expand upon this idea in the coming years that there won't be a certain amount of expense but that is