

SENATOR VICKERS: The Omaha Public Schools, I think you are correct, yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: They would probably be probably the only public school because of their size.

SENATOR VICKERS: I think that is correct. I think that...well, I don't know whether Westside has...they have a television program. I don't know whether they have a radio program at Westside or not. I can't answer that, I don't know.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So do you see that happening or continuing through those educational institutions, through college, through university?

SENATOR VICKERS: As outlined in LB 461, if I remember correctly, the programming would be at one source, i.e., the Education Telecommunications Commission. So there would possibly be the potential to meld it in with some educational facilities at some point but the original direction as far as construction of the network would lie with the Education Telecommunications Commission so that the broadcasting facility that is envisioned under 461 would be here in Lincoln. Now probably at some point...

SENATOR PIRSCH: So your main station would be here and all that would be across the state would be receivers and senders.

SENATOR VICKERS: There is a possibility of local programs across the state once the network is established but the network would be on the current ETV network towers so that there would be only the one, originally at least there would be only the one broadcast facility. It is envisioned that at some point, since Kearney State does have the program, that perhaps a program arrangement could be worked out where there would be some local programming involved too as the network gets established, but that would not be the case up front.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Senator Vickers. I definitely was opposed to this bill before it was amended. I am very cautious about the state getting involved in this to any degree, particularly to any financial degree, but I will