

put it in his words, when he came in in the evening, from a long day in the field, he was either eating supper or too tired to stay up and watch the ten-thirty report from ETV. Besides, he wanted to be able to listen to some of it live. He wanted to be able to hear both sides of the discussion a little more in depth. And he thought public radio was the way to provide that as it does in the State of Iowa. So there are some people out there who don't have it available to them now that would like to have it a little more in depth. It is not that there is anything wrong as far as the commercial stations are concerned. It is not that this would replace any commercial stations. Nationally, it is shown that public radio or public TV does not in any way inhibit the commercial operations of either of those mediums. The issue is very clear, in my opinion, and you can again turn to those statistics that were used of how many people listened to it. Well, in my part of the world nobody listens to it, nobody listens to it. They don't listen to it because they can't listen to it, it's not even available, it is not even available. Now, I suppose, I suppose if Senator Hefner, Lamb, and Peterson had their way, if they had been here, maybe they were, some of them, when ETV was started, we wouldn't have an educational television network either. Now, not everybody, not everybody watches educational television. Not everybody watches it all the time. Some of us watch it quite a bit. Some of us happen to think it is pretty nice. There are some programs on there and I think that you would find out, if you checked into it, that they are pretty well supported, even financially, by a lot of the people across the State of Nebraska through public donations. I think you'd find the same thing would be true with public radio. I disagree with those people that say there is a lot of money going into it in terms of the amount of dollars. It is strange, it is strange that the same people generally who say we ought not support public television or public radio would be the first ones to jump on the bandwagon to increase the amount of monies that the local newspapers could charge for public notices.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: Why is it that we think it is fine for the local newspaper, who covers the local city council or the local school board, to be paid for those notices that they print, but yet we do not think it is appropriate to provide a small pittance to a medium that we could provide a lot of information to the people across this state so that they would know, they would know what goes on in here? They would be like they were