

Broadcasters Association has figured out that public radio isn't a deterrent to private industry, it isn't a deterrent to the commercial stations. The fact of the matter is I don't listen to public radio because it's not available. But you know something, I don't listen to commercial radio either. I get so tired of the same old music over, and over, and over again. The only time I ever turn the damn thing on is when I want to find out what the weather is going to do. So it is not a matter of private versus public. It is simply a matter of saying, you know, we've got a national public radio system that is funded partially from federal taxes, which I thought we all were required to pay, and yet there is a certain segment of our people who can't take advantage of it. Some of you can, some of you can't. All we are suggesting is that we ought to look at the feasibility. We ought to give the power to the educational telecommunications system to see if there is enough support to raise some private funds to get some federal funds to use the educational telecommunications system to provide that service to the rest of the people of this state. I wasn't here awhile ago when LB 890 was up, but I'm guessing that there were some arguments made about equality. Since we've given the right to certain cities to have a city sales tax, we ought to give that right to others as well. Well, in that same vein of equality, I would ask you to advance LB 461. And in terms of advancing a bill that there is really no known effect as to exactly what the future costs may be down the road, I would suggest to Senator Hefner that 1124 is that same kind of a bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: I would call the question.

PRESIDENT: We have had an even debate. I will not go through the exercise unless it is necessary. But, Senator Chambers, do you want to call the question or speak?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Response inaudible.)

PRESIDENT: Very well. I'll put the question to you since I consider we have had an even debate on this motion. The motion is to cease debate. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of closing debate vote...very good. Thank you. I don't want to cut anybody off, but if we can save time I want to try to do it. Senator Johnson, you may close.