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PRESIDENT: We're ready for the consideration of bills on General File. Take up LB152.

CLERK: The title has been read.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I'm going to request that this bill be laid over until Thursday.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'd object to Thursday. You can read the bill overnight. Let's take it up tomorrow.

PRESIDENT: The bill is laid over until tomorrow. Take up LB404. (End of belt #6)
LB1002 will be first.

CLERK: Read title. LB 1002

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: I would like to suggest that the committee amendments be adopted and in explanation the original bill I introduced would have changed the appropriation of funds from the state school lands fund. It would have changed it so that all would have been on the census basis rather than $3/4$ on the census basis, and the current formula of taking $1/4$ of these funds which amounts to about \$50,000 of the total of 3.4 million that are now going in equal shares to the school districts of the state in an amount of roughly \$550. In essence my original bill would set aside and in honesty I think it would have had little chance of passage. I was approached by people interested in TV suggesting that we need a system in this state of funding instructional television. That's ITV, that part of the system that primarily is intended to broadcast instructional television out across the state during the regular school day. I think this is for the best interest of the state. I don't think this is a metropolitan bill, it certainly isn't an Omaha bill. I think it's for the best interest of the state of Nebraska. I'd like to suggest that in 1961 when television was first being discussed. I opposed my own superintendent of schools in Omaha when I was on that school board. I felt that this educational TV was for the best interests of Nebraska. I'd like to point out that as matters now stand, Nebraska is the only state whereby the state does not fund its television through state funds. From the beginning the "user stations" have been funding television. Some districts did not join the plan because they felt they couldn't afford it. Others are using it by bootlegging it and they're not paying for it. It's the best interest to take these monies from the state fund. This \$850,000, we're talking a total of roughly \$600,000 of these dollars to fund this instructional television. Basically if it's going to benefit anyone, the one that benefits the most are the smaller districts of the state. They're the ones that really need these instructional aids even more than the bigger districts. I implore you to