

probate code and that probate code we have now is one of the best in the United States, and I think any lawyer, any honest lawyer is going to tell you that. One of the absolute conditions that was required to get that bill passed back in 197....whatever it was, and one of the iron-clad agreements, and I concede it wasn't made by the Bar Association, but it was made by the people that got this bill passed...one of those agreements was that there would be a certain number of adequate notices to the public in the news media about a state proceedings. This effectively eliminates that, and in my humble opinion breaches that agreement. Now, there is another side to that, however, and in fairness I must tell you that, and that side is, are all these notices really necessary or are they really a kind of indirect subsidy to the individual local little weekly newspapers throughout the Lincoln breadth of Nebraska. I am not going to make a judgment on that. I think the legal notices, of course, do serve a benefit. You know that because you read them in the paper. Certainly other lawyers, people interested in the state would read them. So they do serve that benefit. Whether there is too many of them, whether it is maybe somewhat of a subsidy, you each have to make your own judgment and determination. But before you strike these notices, be aware of the fact that it is a subject in which the individual newspapers do have an intense interest throughout the Lincoln breadth of Nebraska, as I said, and it is effectively a breaching of the original agreement that passed the probate code.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have an inquiry of Senator DeCamp, please. Senator DeCamp, it is my understanding that this does not eliminate all public notice because original public notice is still necessary for the probate code. Is that correct?

SENATOR DeCAMP: It makes major changes in the number of notices as I suggested. It doesn't eliminate all notice. The issue you have to resolve personally is whether there is adequate notice still preserved under the bill. There may well be. The second issue is whether that agreement that was written back then, unwritten, whatever, should be maintained...

SENATOR MARSH: In perpetuity.

SENATOR DeCAMP: ...in perpetuity.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you very much.