

series of notices of hearings and this removes one of those which applies to unknown but interested parties. For example, the often-used example is the illegitimate child. Okay, that kind of a situation where years and years have passed and they live some place else and somehow this notice mystically is supposed to get to them. That is what the notice originally intended to do, but there are a series of other notices the list of which I just read, four of which I just read, which will be published on several occasions throughout the course of the probate. There is lots of adequate notice in the law.

SENATOR KEYES: In these small towns this will save the estate quite a bit of money. Is that right?

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, I would like to rise in support of this bill introduced by the Judiciary Committee, and I would like to begin by commending the most distinguished Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and that entire committee for supporting this measure. It is, indeed, a very sound piece of legislation, and what it does principally is it restores uniformity in Nebraska statute so that it conforms with the model probate code that we initially began to work from several years ago when the Lieutenant Governor and others drafted that legislation and saw that it was passed. Now, unfortunately, when that model probate code was passed why mandatory publication notices were placed in the statute which were absolutely unnecessary. These mandatory publication notices apply in situations where the names and addresses of all the people who need to receive notice for that particular probate are known and where they will receive notice by mail. This, there is absolutely no necessity for this particular provision, because it is in the context where everyone who needs to receive notice is going to receive notice by mail. It is completely superfluous. It is imposing considerable expenses on the estates that are being probated. There really is no reason for this bill not to pass and it is going to save the estates all through the state of Nebraska funds during the probate process, and I feel very strongly that we should pass this measure, and again I think the Judiciary Committee has done good work in bringing this to our attention. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, Mr. President and members, I certainly have not studied this bill as well as I should have, but I am somewhat concerned about how information is going to get to