

those interested in an issue. Out in my area we have a number of weekly papers that reach everybody, I believe, one or the other of them, and I am wondering, you talk about the cost that you are going to save, I wish you could guarantee me that the cost of probation would go down if we pass this bill. I think that is a very small part of the cost of probation. If you can assure me that everyone that would receive the information without it being published will receive it, I probably could...which could change my mind, but I would have to have some more information, otherwise I would have to oppose the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, did you wish to speak again?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, Mr. President, Senator Wagner, as I was walking out, raised a question, and his question essentially was, well, you know, it's kind of interesting, what was the reason really for these notices. And so I told him the reason. I think you should at least know the reason given at that time and the justification for these notices. The media...the news media argued the public has a right to know what is going on, and they said, there is a tendency...there is a tendency, if you don't have some kind of a regular system of public notice, even if you have to have that notice more than just once, if you don't there is going to be cases where people are hurt, there's problems, particularly in a state like Nebraska. Now whether those arguments are valid or not, you have to be the judges of. The point is very simple, there is duplicity of notice. In other words, more than one notice under the present system, and I think most people would agree it hasn't worked that bad and it isn't...certainly isn't that costly maybe for the benefit you get. I wonder, putting it into a system of comparison, if you think about the legislative process, if we only had, let's say, one notice of the bill as it flips across rather than three pretty good shots to know what is going on, get informed and so on. So I am not really trying to persuade you either way, but I do think you should really be alert that there are two pretty strong sides on this argument. The one side that is in existence now with more than one notice was sanctioned by the people that put the probate code together, and there was, at least, an understanding by those people at the time and the people that were supporting the probate code at the time, those members of the Bar who were behind it, those members of the law school who were behind it, that this notice system was satisfactory, was adequate and quite frankly was necessary to get the code passed. I think you should at least know there are two sides to it and how it all came about.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.