

form that we can pass at this point and I think that is what we ought to do. Nevertheless, I would commit to work with Senator Schmit on the problem in the Miscellaneous Subject Committee to try to come up with some reasonable solution for next session. I'm sure that we will see legislation in this area again next year. At that time we can deal with the issue. I think, however, at this late stage it is unwise to bring the bill back in the short amount of time that we have to deal with the problem. None of you have the amendment on your desk, I don't think. I don't think that you see the wording in front of you. I would question whether it would be appropriate to take this step at this time without more information and I certainly want to encourage you to keep the issue in mind for next session but not to support the issue and the amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT: Before we go to the next speaker the Chair would like to recognize Senator Maresh's granddaughter, Gina Placek and grandson Joel Placek of Milford, sitting here under the north balcony with their grandmother. Would you all stand up over there and be recognized. Welcome to your legislature. Chair recognizes Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker, Senators, would Senator Schmit yield to a question, please?

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, will you respond?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I will respond, Mr. President.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Schmit, you mentioned something about newspapers charging a political rate. Got your pen ready Frank? Would you object to an amendment to your amendment saying that newspapers can not discriminate against political advertisements by charging them a higher rate than they do other advertisements?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Sounds great to me, Senator. They usually make us pay in advance anyway.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Did you get that, Frank? Thank you, Senator.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President, colleagues, I just want to make a couple of very brief remarks in opposition to Senator Schmit's amendment. I think that it is well-intentioned and I think that Senator Schmit is doing us a service by bringing this issue to our attention. But let me just make a couple of short statements in opposition and I hope that