

schools depend on the property tax intake to support their functions, and I know it is not uncommon for them to have to issue warrants and pay interest on money because of taxes are not coming in at the appropriate times when they are due or when they are delinquent. And so this should encourage, even if it encouraged just a small amount of people to pay their taxes because of having their names published in the paper, I think it ought to be something we should consider. There are many have raised the questions about the possibility of liability and so forth. I have checked with other large cities, in particular, St. Louis Daily Record, the Kansas City Daily Record, where they are publishing these names. They have not had any problem whatsoever in a case of liability because of errors or whatever, because if they have had even small errors, they correct them immediately before they are published and there has been no liability cases. This is also true in all surrounding states where they have had this. The liability factor has not been a factor and I don't...if you recognize how carefully these printings are screened and proofread, among local daily papers across Nebraska, you will find that they are thoroughly checked. Many of them are using computer printouts, will take this over to the publisher. They will print a first draft and then it is proofread by the county treasurer, at least in the cases that I am aware of, before it is published. So every effort is made now to do it. As you know, legal descriptions are very technical and hard to do, and they still have done that. Simply adding a name ought to be a very little increased effort to have to do and still have it right. So I really don't believe that additional names and the possibility of incorrectness should be a problem. So I think I would like to strongly urge the support of this bill as a measure to increase delinquent tax collections in Nebraska. As I said, even a small increase in a county such as mine with a \$10 million tax payment, 10 to 12 million dollar, if you would increase it only a small amount, with a \$2,700 tax expense or printing expense against this, the returns out to be very favorable and we would not have to have a very large increase to be cost effective.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the amended LB 236, Senator Landis, Coordsen, and Hefner. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would urge you to get your bill books out and open up to LB 236, take a look at the committee statement. Yes, open up those red-bound books, take a look at it, take a look at your list of