

increase in the fees for legal notices. And so you see that they will not only, if this bill passes, there will be the capability of adding a line which humiliates taxpayers, as has already been stated, but also there will be a 15 percent increase over and above that for all legal fees. The other thing I would like to point out to you all is the fact that, you know, the amendment that was just reattached to the bill which reinstates Douglas County and Lancaster County, Lincoln and Omaha, really does nothing because those counties at this point in time are not required to publish legal notices. They have what is called, at least in Omaha, this information was provided to us the other day in testimony, a Daily Register, and by the words of some of our senators, it is nothing more than a nice little publication that aids insurance agents and lawyers because they are the only ones that take any interest or ever read it, so if the purpose of public notices is to notify the public, I guess we should make sure that we have a statewide coverage and we really are not going to be getting that anyway. I am going to support this IPP motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Now, directly to Senator Wehrbein, please.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Am I in line or is this my five minutes or am I next?

SPEAKER BARRETT: This is your response to the IPP motion.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I guess, obviously, I would urge not to IPP this motion. I think there are several things that I would like to discuss. One is that it's surrounding states, I admit I can't document surrounding states having been cost effective because most, to my knowledge, they have had it for so long, some go back into the '40s, that it is difficult to document today whether it is effective over what they had before. I don't know exactly why it is more embarrassing to have your name published in Nebraska than it is to have it published in Kansas, Colorado, South Dakota, Iowa, and Missouri. Evidently, that is the case. I guess I could take some issue of the fact that this is a Press Association bill. Admittedly, it was brought to me by them. On the other hand, I, in good conscience, can support the bill because I believe a half a million dollars in a county overdue, delinquent, paid by me instead of my neighbors, in many cases which can afford it, is not necessarily an undue burden. If taxes are due, taxes are due, a half a million dollars in a