

amendment on the bill or a bill or put in the statute that it will be a Class IV misdemeanor. He said then this office can and will prosecute, they will. Now a Class IV misdemeanor, it says they can't go to jail, we can't put them in prison and the biggest fine that there can be is \$500 and a minimum is \$100 and for each day that that is violated that is what the fine will be. So throughout all of this maneuvering and all of this talking, I put out a news release stating to the public in general throughout the state that the World-Herald violated this statute and were charging much, much more than they should. I told the truth. Then I received a registered letter from the World-Herald saying, Haberman, if you don't retract those statements, we're going to sue you. So I sat out there in Imperial, Nebraska and I said, man, the World-Herald, that big outfit in Omaha is going to sue me, and there for about three seconds I was afraid. I was afraid of this big monster you might call the World-Herald of coming out to Imperial and taking this poor cowboy and farmer and taking him into court and suing him. So finally I said, let's let them try it. So I had to hire an attorney and I did hire an attorney and it cost me \$625, by the way, to hire the attorney, and he talked to the World-Herald. So I did retract the statement to the point that I corrected how much over they were charging. I said, they're still overcharging, but maybe not as much as I first said. To date I have not heard from them. Maybe after today I will and I hope so. I hope I do hear from them and I hope that they do continue with their lawsuit. However, that is not my point really. My point in doing this is, as it is now, if they publish legal notices, rules and regulations, meetings and so on and so forth, half of the agencies might be in violation for paying more, and half aren't doing it because they are following the statute. Then let's say, well, we're going to publish in that Daily Journal (sic). We're going to publish the constitutional amendments and the initiatives and the referendum petitions in the Daily Journal (sic) in Omaha. That goes to 20,000 people. All the rest of the citizens in Omaha don't have any idea of what is going to be on the ballot when they go to vote. Only 20,000 citizens in the City of Omaha are going to receive notices of public hearings on rules and regulations. And I don't think this is correct. I don't think this is right. So this amendment, fellow senators, merely says that if a newspaper does not follow the law they can be prosecuted. And I ask that you adopt this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator