

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Chair recognizes Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Question.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: See five hands? I do. The motion is on the clos...cease debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Has everyone voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Debate has ceased. The question is on the adoption of the Landis amendment to the Haberman amendment. All those favor....Senator Landis is recognized for closing. Sorry.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. I want to remember to bring this issue back home to where it is right now, so we know what we're voting on. Jacky Smith wants me to let you know that the General Affairs Committee will be studying this issue, generally, in the area of notices, in the area of what is required by law to be published and fair rates. So there will be a discussion of the issue and its broader implications in time by the body. Secondly, the Haberman amendment was a criminal penalty, minimum 100 bucks, maximum of 500 bucks, if you publish at a rate different or higher than, rather, the legal rate. With respect to the Warner arguments, let's remember that we have an Attorney General's Opinion on our desks that recognizes that a criminal sanction is in the province of the Legislature to consider. We certainly have the opportunity for the Attorney General to tell us that this was beyond our means, and the Attorney General did not do so, in fact, brought it up as a response. Now I'm sure it's one man's opinion. With respect to the statute itself, if you take a look at 33-141, listen to a little bit of the language in it. The legal rate for publication for all legal notices, and guess who's getting the directions here, shall be 32 cents a line, single column, standard newspaper measurements for the first insertion and shall be 28 line, single column, standard newspaper measurement for each subsequent insertion, and then includes the conversion table with the pica width, the first insertion and the second insertion. My guess is that this statute is not directed to local political subdivisions, it is directed to newspapers, making reference to the way they publish, their column size, the style of type that they can use. It also says you can publish