

SENATOR MOORE: I will do my best to answer Senator Haberman's questions.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Moore, must a newspaper publish legal notices submitted for publication by political subdivisions at or below statutorily prescribed rates?

SENATOR MOORE: I...you'll have to ask the ques...I don't understand the question. I'm not the expert on this area, and I do not claim to be.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Are political subdivisions in violation of laws which mandate that legal notices be published if, in fact, the newspaper at general circulation will not publish the notices?

SENATOR MOORE: I don't know, I defer to someone else in the body that is carrying the bill, that knows more about it.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, it seems to me, Mr. Moore, or Senator Moore, that your reasons for reconsidering the motion don't go very deep. As I would have to say at this time, Senator Moore, that you can't answer the questions that the problem proposes. I don't think that you've asked me for any research on the issue. I will inform you that it is such a serious issue that the Governor, as I understand it, has instructed all of the code agencies to not advertise in the World-Herald until this issue is settled. Now I have not gone back and checked the advertisements on Sunday's, as I thought the issue was being held in abeyance. However, I intend to do that. So I would say to Senator Moore and the rest of the body, I really don't know the reason why the supporters of the increase for the newspapers do not want this amendment on their bill. It does not touch how much newspapers are going to be paid, it doesn't reduce the rate. It does nothing for the supporters who are fighting this amendment. So I would strongly suggest to this body let's leave the amendment on the bill. If the bill advances on Select File, I will have more information and I will be the first one to stand up here and ask you to take the amendment off, if it can be shown to me, or if I find out myself that it shouldn't be there, that it is a detriment to the industry, or what have you. So, at this time, I would ask you not to remove the amendment, and I will ask these questions, quite possibly, later on in debate. Thank you, you gave it a good try, Senator Moore.