

aware of this problem, so I...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, they are, I can assure you that they are. So we have a bigger problem here than meets the eye. It seems as though all the people who are opposing the amendment really haven't looked at what is happening when somebody pays more than the legal rate. Now we're talking about big dollars. For example, it's \$14,000 to the Game and Parks Commission; \$143,000 to the University of Nebraska, we're talking big money, big money, where some of that was published at above the legal rate. Now to answer Senator Schimek's question about the letter that has been circulated by the Press Association, first of all, Senator Schimek, that is one person's opinion. However, the letter was run by the Attorney General... Is Senator Schimek here? The letter was run by the Attorney General himself and his staff and the Attorney General's answer was there is no problem with that amendment, there is no problem, these arguments are no good, we can beat them all, go ahead with your amendment. So, Senator Schimek, that should answer, in my opinion, the question of the letter that is being circulated. Now it's true that that is only one person's opinion also. However, the Attorney General is the one who would prosecute the case,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...if there was one, and then we give the other side their opportunity to go to court. You know I really can't understand why the Press Association is so violently opposed to this amendment. I can't understand that. What is behind the whole thing? Why don't they want to have it, if one of their own people, or more than one, violate a state statute that they shouldn't be prosecuted? Senator Moore, can you answer that question? I don't think he wants to answer that question, so I won't ask you. So I would ask you not to remove the amendment. As I say, if we can come up with a solution on Select File, I'll be the first one to get up and say let's remove it. However, let's leave it where it is for the present time. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Barrett, please, then Senator Smith.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I think it is interesting the way this issue has mushroomed beyond its