

developed a sort of a small subsidy for the newspaper industry and that's all right with me so long as we know what we are doing. We have subsidized many different entities in this body and by our action but we have usually done it under one guise or another, and in the past, we have taken it to mean that it was important for the public to be notified as to what the various subdivisions were doing and, therefore, we have said you must publish, you must notify. I've been a strong supporter of that. I'm a strong supporter of the publishing of expenses by the counties. I've tried to have the natural resource districts do that a number of times without much success. But now it would appear that where there is unanimity in the point of view as to the fairness of the rate, then the counties, the cities are forced to publish. But where there is a lack of agreement as to what is fair, then that discretion is left up to the county board or the city to ignore that and to use the less expensive system of notice. It does not answer the question raised by Senator Haberman as to how the state will provide for notice. Do they put a notice on the Governor's mansion? Do they put a notice on the Capitol? How then do we inform the public of the sale of surplus property, the many other bids which are important to the public to be notified of, and what is the uniformity that is involved? It would seem to me that maybe we are opening up more of a problem here than we are resolving. But it is certainly to the uninitiated such as myself, it would appear that we are mandating a rate which the counties and the cities and the rural areas must pay, but it is devil take the hindmost in Douglas County and the City of Omaha and the county board there must then pay whatever is demanded by that institution unless, of course, publishing it in the Daily Record or the "Whammo" or something of that nature will suffice. That might be something which ought to be investigated. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Barrett, then followed by Senator Landis, then Senator Haberman. Senator Barrett, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members, there was confusion on this bill on General File. I'm sorry there is a bit of confusion on Select File. My apologies, but a quick comment to Senator Schmit, I believe, for his statement of a moment ago in which he is concerned about perhaps Douglas County getting by a little cheaper than others. There are other newspapers in Douglas County that can and do and will accept these legal notices. We've got the Daily Record, we've got the Midlands Business Journal, and I think those two could satisfy