

Sunday we can drive around our legislative districts and see that no one has purchased a World-Herald because the price has just increased 25 percent. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Will. We will now go to Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I certainly respect Senator Landis and I respect Senator Hall for what they are trying to do. It takes great courage to do such a thing, but I can remember back about 10 or 15 years ago when this group decided to exempt certain people, look at the mess we are in today. We can't inch away at this. We are going to have to look at the whole picture. I am not sticking up for any paper, no Hub, no World-Herald, no Lincoln Journal, whatever. If there is anybody who wants revenge, it should have been me. I don't think I got a single endorsement out of any paper. I am not sticking up for any paper. The paper is not going to pay this tab. It is going to be the people. It is another tax on the people. So let's don't think in the terms of papers. We are not showing any favoritism. It is strictly a tax that the people are going to pay again. Let's don't inch away at this. Let's let somebody look at it and look at the whole picture and get on with it. We know where we stood a few years back. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. We will now have Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: This amazes me. I should know better. I should know better not to react to this with the level of feeling that I do because I should know better. Senator Crosby, in the event that your rationale is correct, you would offer an amendment that says let's not tax small town businesses across the board. Many of them are in this same situation. Many of them are. But this is special treatment for one of them, not all of them, and that is not...I am sure that is not what you propose. Or you'd also argue that this is a tax that consumers pay, and that is the problem. Invent a sales tax that consumers don't pay, and we all will be shocked. They all pay for every other good. Perhaps an amendment that says we are not going to tax anything that is sold in a machine that can't take pennies would have a rationale, but we don't do that either. Nor would we sponsor, I think, or support an amendment that says let's not tax any institution that we feel fondly about. Uh-uh, at the