

for advertising. So you can see I am not one way about this thing, Senator Landis. They do take my newsletter but it is a real good newsletter. Well, my aide does an awful good job. Senator Landis, do you know what you are doing? You are just taxing the people two or two and a half million bucks. You know, those old people on Social Security, you know, eventually, they are not going to be able to get another cup of coffee, another roll. You know, they are going to have to forego that. Now just think about that. Well, of course, they probably won't...they will probably forget their newspaper anyway. And I really, I really have problems with this, and then I hear, Senator Will gets up and he says they went up in price 25 percent. You raise their price so you tax them. Well, if you are going to tax them, there are a lot of other people we ought to tax, too, if it gets down to raising the price on something, like my barber, my grocer, my car dealer, when we go to the theater, and so forth. I don't know, maybe the World-Herald deserves another 25 cents, I don't know. But I urge you to support this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. We'll go to Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. The discussion that is going on this afternoon is really enjoyable. It beats what I have been doing for the last six days. But it really is enlightening to see the, I guess, love that we have for the press, in essence, newspapers. What are newspapers? Really, they are nothing more than businesses. That is all they are. They are a business. They go out and they seek advertisers to pay their bills, and they seek subscribers to buy the newspapers so that they can seek more advertisers. It is a business enterprise. They happen to have entertainment sections, cartoons, and sports. They report on local events. They have recipes in them and they have editorial pages. That is, basically, the make-up of any newspaper, whether it be a daily or a weekly. They are a business. The decision is not one of free press or a constitutional issue, as Senator Wesely asked about. He said I have to, he made a good point because he said I have to understand in my own mind if this runs afoul of that. And, Don, I would argue that absolutely the opposite is true. The country was built on the free press, as Thomas Paine and Company would say. Then who better to pay tax to continue to preserve that freedom of the press, and they're not paying the tax, as we all said, but they are collecting it so that the