

exist. Today I got the World-Herald, which reminded me a little bit of a conversation that I just had with Jim Raglin, that perhaps we needed an amendment to this bill to only provide a sales tax for those newspapers that have editorials, and that might settle a lot of our problems. But I have in my hand the Fillmore County News. I have nine of these newspapers in my district. To illustrate a little bit what Senator Hefner was talking about, now this is not for the little people because Al Bond is about six feet, six, but he and his wife publish the Fillmore County News, and there has never been an editorial, to my knowledge, in the Fillmore County News, but we find that Judy Dinneen is going to head the Women's Club and Jeff Zeleny is going to go to the Sixth Annual Washington Journalism Conference; and, by golly, Carrie Zastrow died last week. And we have got a birth announcement right here on the upper right-hand, the flagged part of this paper, folks. These are the kinds of papers that Senator Hefner was talking about, the kinds of papers that just a little bit more of an increase in the cost of that subscription, they may well not exist. The Fillmore County News is awfully important. Oh, yeah, the UCC church is going to have a bake sale on Saturday, March 30th; information, my friends, that is awfully important to the people in Exeter, Nebraska, but no one else would print. The larger weekly newspapers won't print who was at the Altar Society meeting, quite probably, and they won't print that Mr. and Mrs. Cashin (phonetic) were dinner guests of Ferne Dinneen, but it is important to these folks. And I think it is important as a policy in this body that we don't vent our spleens that exist for those large dailies that sometimes chastise us justly or unjustly. In the case of the rest of you, I am sure it is justly. In my case, it would most certainly be unjustly, but to do that at the expense of the Fillmore County News and all of those several hundred like that that provide a vital community service and are news to those people. There is even an advertising supplement for their little newspaper. By the way, this is a big edition. Normally, this is printed on one page, but today they had...this week they had the county court news, so it got to be bigger. Is it any more realistic not to tax food for thought as it is not to tax food for the body? Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Next we have Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I'll be brief