

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President and members of the body, I think we passed around the amendment to you. We're back again to the periodicals. If you remember, the first day that we debated this bill, 773, that we added...that I took off the amendments on both the newspapers, on both periodicals. Right now we have a tax on periodicals that you buy at a store. When Senator Hall's amendment was later adopted it put periodicals both that you get with subscriptions and that you buy at the mail back on again. What this amendment does is go back to the current status, simply putting it on periodicals that you buy at a store. I think that Senator Will and I both...Senator, if you remember, yesterday the people in the body listened, Senator Will was on the other side of this issue, and so I think that we simply go back to the present language of the present law. And so, with that, I ask the body to support this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. I will now recognize senators in the following order. Senator Hall, Hartnett, Will and Abboud. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President. I rise in support of Senator Hartnett's amendment. The proposal, as he spelled out, was inadvertently stripped from the bill on General File. I had the amendment drafted and I just took out the provisions that the amendment deals with on the tax with regard to the magazines and I would support placing basically the...what we have done in the past back into statute. If you remember, we had the...the bill came out with the sales tax on newspapers and that was stripped from the committee amendments and then I thought I had placed this provision back in the bill but I misspoke. I would urge adoption of Senator Hartnett's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Hartnett. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body. Senator Hartnett and I had a discussion after yesterday's disagreement between us over this issue and we decided that probably the best course to pursue at this time was simply to return our law to where it is right now and that is that magazines that are sold over the counter are taxable. The subscriptions are specifically exempted in the law from sales tax. That's what this amendment would do. I would urge that we