

something like that. But anyway, what we're talking about here is not a crusading newspaper which is uncovering corruption, which is informing the public on issues the public needs to be informed on about. We are talking about little operations which cannot exist without this money. That's what the issue is. They're not doing a service for the public. And when we're told that if we don't raise the amount of money these newspapers can get we ought to do away with the requirement for public notice, we don't have to do that. Let those that can't cut the mustard go on out of business and put the notices where such notices can be printed and if there are no newspapers we'll do like somebody did the 24 theses. We'll tack them on the doors of every church. We'll tack them on the fence posts of every farm. We'll tack them on the telegraph poles in every city, town, hamlet and village. We will make sure that the public is informed. We will have the State Patrol fly in their helicopters and drop leaflets. to notify the public.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS. But I'm going to tell you something else that may shock you. Many of these so-called legal notices are not even read. If somebody is reading these legal notices they have too much time on their hands. Often, these legal notices contain errors, but who catches them? Nobody, because nobody reads them. They count the number of items in it that will entitle them to so much money and that's it, so I'm not in favor of the... I'm put in a bind. Some things being offered by these amendments are better than what's in the bill, so I have to decide how I'm going to vote, but the philosophy of the bill in general I'm not in accord with because of the large amount of the increase.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I am going to... I want to make it clear I'm supporting the amendment and I am supporting the bill. I think the amendment does...does help resolve some of the problems, but I have...you know, I do have some concerns. I did have some county officials who had contacted my office, both by letter and by phone, and I think most of those were before the Maurstad amendment was published, but even after that I had a county official call my office and raise some concerns about it and I