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SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ..I don't think they want to do that and be...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time, Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I'm sorry.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Your light is on next.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you. If I could continue that Senator Beutler, and I'll give you back the rest of the time since I spoke on yours quite a bit. That the fear here was, look, if the subdivisions feel that this is going to be used as a sword to always increase it that's not the intent, why do that, let's go back to the system that has been working. You do negotiate with, you know, if somebody really wants to have a statewide notice, let's say in one of our larger newspapers, they can go in and negotiate that rate today. I mean that still occurs. Doesn't happen very often because that could be very expensive, but there's a lot...there's a bigger difference in overhead between a small county newspaper that publishes weekly and then the overhead of a daily paper that goes statewide and that's the reason that you're allowed to negotiate with that paper. And I'd yield back the rest of my time to Senator Beutler.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, you have about four minutes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Has it happened... has it been happening recently, Senator Kristensen, that a lot of political subdivisions have been choosing the posting option because they cannot get the newspaper publication at the... at the rate that is currently there?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, I don't think so, Senator Beutler. I think the problem has been that the newspapers have been kind of, you know, taking the hits on the price and their increase in overhead, but I don't think that there's been the other where there's been a lot of people going to posting. I'm just not aware that that's been the trend to go do that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. The whole mechanism of a statutorily designated legal rate, do you view that historically as protection for the newspaper or protection for the political subdivisions?