

14... going to spend 14 million dollars on Internet. There's other mechanisms of advertising this stuff and when we have to uphold and support, subsidize maybe, newspapers in some cases, not all of them are that, that's free enterprise. They have the right to increase their rates, do that through... on other means to help support. In the history I think the publication of public notice was done free of charge. That's in the best interests of the public. The paper were involved in that. So we, I think we have to look at this seriously of what we're doing. I think this is a situation maybe analogous to the horse industry. Can we do something here in support and keep those papers that maybe aren't managed as well afloat? I don't know. I do have another amendment on here and I think when we get to it we may be moving over to another item that we can discuss later, but we have an "X" amount of funds. We... there... this is a mandate that we have set out, but the people getting the money for this is another entity and we're just increasing the cost of mandate to cities, counties and other public governmental subdivisions. I think we have to look at this seriously. My personal preference would to see the bill killed, have an interim study, look at the over all, all the implications in publications, the cost of those publications, what we can do better, what we mandate. With the last 209 we said we have to publish things twice. We're continually doing that and I think we have to seriously look at and try and establish some policy on what is best in terms of publication and maybe let free enterprise. And I think that this is going to cost and we maybe need to look at the requirements that we have cities and counties. I don't believe it's in statute that they have other means to... in order to publish. I think many small communities and governmental entities think that they have to put the notices in the papers and I'm not sure on the statutes. Haven't had enough time to look into that. But we have to find other means and maybe study this a little bit more before we automatically just have the increases in this. So, with that, I'll close. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Avery. Senator Maurstad, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, just a brief... brief recap. We are going to phase in the increase over a two-year period. The negotiation language was removed from the bill because... at the request of the Nebraska Association of County Officials because they thought there would