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be too much exposure to increasing the rates and not... not the other way around, so I wanted to... I wanted to clear up that comment that was... that was made. I understand that there will be a number of questions relative to this as we move along. I'll be more than happy to continue to work with those members that have expressed some... some concerns relative to this. If the amendment is adopted it does become a committee amendment and then the bill itself so we will be able to work with what we have been... been discussing. I want to reiterate that the newspapers in the... do provide a very valuable, a very valuable service. I understand, as I indicated in my... in my opening comments, as a local official, I understand the ramifications of this type of a thing, but I want to point out just one... one statistic. The City of Beatrice has a publication costs, annual publication costs of 7,000 dollars. I think the City of Beatrice is about the 12th largest community in our state so this not that big of a portion of their budget. Total budget's about 2 million dollars, overall, including utilities, 15 million dollars so it's not like we're talking about a great... a great burden on the local subdivisions to be able to provide this increase, which I believe is certainly fair. So, with that, Mr. Speaker, I would urge the adoption of the... my amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Excuse me. You've heard the closing. Question is the adoption of the Maurstad amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Maurstad's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: We will now, that amendment is completed, the next item on the agenda is to move to Item 8, a motion to place LB 719 on General File. At this sense, we don't really know how long this motion might take to dispense of. We may consider a motion for adjournment at the conclusion of this motion or we may wish to return to the bill that was pending, but at this point the agenda indicates a move to LB 719. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wehrbein would move to place Legislative Bill 719 on General File pursuant to Rule 3, Section 19.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein.