

adjust the rates so I think it's a very well thought out amendment and it's something that we have control over yet. We don't allow DAS to just say we're going to raise rates if we think that we need to, so it will still allow this body to have that increase. But to have in a two-step process, I think that's going to definitely help our small newspapers, 37 cents to 41 cents on September of 1995 is not that large of an increase and then to go to...from 41 to 45 in September, 1996 I think they're both increases that the counties and the cities have agreed to. They know there has to be some type of an increase, so I would oppose the Avery amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I wish the mayor of the twelfth largest metropolis in Nebraska were still available. Oh, here he is.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: (Whistles.) Good morning, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How are you? Senator Maurstad, and even though some of the questions might seem a little light-hearted, I'm asking for genuine information. Do you think that the amount of money that would be contained in Senator Avery's amendment would cover the cost for these newspapers of printing these legal notices?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Does the amount in Senator Avery's...that will vary from newspaper to newspaper.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think that some newspapers will experience a deficit if they got only the increase that Senator Avery is recommending?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: In the second year and beyond? I think it would continue to be more of a hardship than without it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well you say hardship, in reality don't a lot of those little newspapers count on this money to stay in existence?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: It's a factor in their continuing to be able