

carriers to receive workers' comp should they be injured, but the Legislature has always said no. When children get injured working for newspapers the legislators by and large say no. When newspapers come in here and say subsidize us and keep us in existence, my good friend Senator Schellpeper, I see him standing over there with his arms behind his back like an executioner waiting for the opportunity to let the axe fall. My good friend, Senator Schellpeper, says yes, subsidize the newspapers. Senator Maurstad says, subsidize the newspapers. Senator Kristensen, youngster being led astray says...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...subsidize the newspapers. When on the one hand the media always want to say freedom of the press means that the government does not regulate and govern what is printed, they nevertheless want to come to the government and say give us some money to keep us operating. Because my time is so close to having run out, and I spent most of it interrogating my good friend, the former mayor of the twelfth largest metropolis in Nebraska, I'll give back what few seconds I have left and turn my light on again.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Avery, your light is next.

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you, Madam President. In terms of my amendment, I don't say that there probably is need for an increase. I want to allow Senator Robinson to look into it. We need to look into this issue. And as a former mayor of probably the 200 plus city, I don't know where we stand in as far as the size of Gretna, but it is a major factor. This is a mandate that cities must pay in the publication. Now there may be other means, but most of them have to publish in the papers and even in those small cities, a small increase is quite significant in their budgets. So it is a burden on those. This is a mandate and I think we should go into it cautiously. That's why I proposed the step, doing the first part, allow little bit of an increase, but let's hold off. Let's see, let's look into what we have in terms of mandates and the publication processes and then possibly come back next year or the year after with some legislation that can improve the process. In terms of a compromise I think, in talking to individuals, county officials, I don't believe they're saying that it was really a compromise. This originally, the committee amendment had it 37 to 36. The