

something along the lines of some days there just aren't enough rocks and when it comes to this bill sometimes there just aren't enough rocks, but the proposals before us and at a minimum what Senator Avery tries to do with the amendment is say come back and address the issue in the future and for that reason I can support it. It does allow for the increase the first section of that or the first phase of that and I can support that amendment. I don't again support the bill but this amendment I think does make the proposal a much more equitable one and I would lean more towards supporting the bill with the Avery amendment. The reason I did push my button was because of some of the comments that Senator Hudkins made. And Senator Hudkins kind of almost paraphrased another point of view that was done by a sixth grader out at Red Cloud that was, I think, passed out by Senator Maurstad and it is interesting when you read it because actually the first one is very well written. It says that if we didn't have a local paper we wouldn't know what was going on in town, school news and local supports. It says what if your child won the spelling bee or excelled in class or maybe she did something out of the ordinary. What about what's going on in town? There might be a special at a restaurant or if a friend in town might have died. Pretend that you wanted to buy something from town, it might not be in the classified ads in a bigger paper. It probably would be in a local paper. And finally local sports. What if you wanted to know about the big game? Probably wouldn't be in the bigger paper. What about the local team that your child is on? His or her picture wouldn't be in the big paper. Senator Hudkins, what do I do? I'm stuck with the World-Herald? All that applies. I mean I could write that same thing. My daughter could write that exact same point of view, probably maybe not as well because she spells like her father, but she's clearly a lot brighter than I am and has a much better vocabulary, goes beyond two syllables. The question is that this is an important issue, I understand that for some of the very small papers, but it is not something I think that you want to spread out over, what, three years now? I mean the compromise might be then, let's take it out over, as Senator Maurstad talked, I think, 5 percent a year for 10 years, is that the example that was used in Indiana? I don't know. But you know at what point then do we begin the process of saying you have to come in and justify? Just as those costs go up for purposes of dealing with the newsprint, the other mailing costs that were talked about, those same costs can go down. They don't often do that but they sometimes do and the question of the argument with regard to the number of newspapers that have