

again for...in any more timely basis than the last time which was six years ago. And I think that we need to focus in on why this bill is important, it's fair, it's a reasonable increase given the last time that there was an increase in the required published legal notices. It's the right thing to do. With that would reiterate that I would urge the body to reject the Avery amendment and to advance the bill to Select File.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Avery.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the galloping ghost, meaning the former mayor of the twelfth largest metropolis in Nebraska, once again sidestepped the issue. He said he is going to answer a question that I asked and he stated that the amount received for publishing these legal notices is less than the commercial rate. That's not the question I asked. I knew that. See they're guaranteed this money. They don't have to go out and hustle for it. They can set their commercial rates based on whatever the traffic will bear. The question I had asked was whether or not they lose money. Does it cost them more to print these notices than what they are paid, and the answer obviously is it does not. They make a profit. One reason many of my colleagues will support these little newspaper is because they have an interest in them. They publish articles in them or newsletters or whatever they call those bits of wisdom that come from Nebraska legislators and go to these newspapers as fillers. In these little towns they don't even have enough news to fill up the newspapers so they tell senators, write me something, anything. Senator Maurstad, and this is rhetorical, how much is going on in a small town that everybody doesn't know about anyway? And the reason I say it, during the farm crisis I spent a tremendous amount of time going to little towns all over this state. In fact, I was more feared by Nebraskans than the so-called militia men are right now. I was condemned and criticized by the media in the same way. I was editorialized against for fomenting violence, being anti-Semitic and all of these things. But it carried me throughout all of these little towns and everybody knows everything. They just don't tell everything to everybody. But these little newspapers don't serve a great worthwhile purpose in all instances. In some they do. Some of those newspapers are presided over by people who have not forgotten what newspapers are for. The reality of this world is that they must seek some revenue in order to underwrite the cost of the newspaper and I do not fault them for that. They've got