

notice. And, yes, is it fair to look at the number of times of publications and the manner of publications? Absolutely it is. That debate will continue. But I got to tell you that the question that you're faced with now is we've got a system and Senator Avery, I believe, mischaracterizes the mandate. You could do away with publication and these rates and open it up to the market and what would happen is they would probably go to their classified rates, which means that people would ultimately pay more. And if you cut down the...and, Senator Chambers, you're going to find this as well, you cut down the numbers and they'll want to change the manner of compensation. Open it up to that free market that you were talking about and ultimately people may pay more. Legitimate discussion, legitimate discussion, but not the one on 418. And if you're going to have those newspapers do those things, you need to fairly compensate them. And when you do it every six years it's not unfair to phase it in over a two-year period and, again, this is...this is making an increase, there's no doubt about it, but it's not a mandate. In fact, it's probably a protection for the citizenry because it ultimately would protect them from paying more and I certainly would urge the adoption of...and the advancement of LB 418 today and thank you to the General Affairs Committee for their patience and hard work and Senator Maurstad for working out a compromise and trying to put that together and appears to have successfully done so. I would ask for a record vote, Mr. Speaker, and urge the advancement of LB 418.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, I'm sorry, it's too late for you to ask for a record vote. Senator Avery already did so I'm going to grant his request. Question before the body is, shall LB 418 be advanced? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. A record vote has been requested. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk. Record vote had been requested.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 2047 of the Legislative Journal.) 27 ayes, 6 nays on the advancement, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 418 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, next bill, LB 613.

CLERK: LB 613, Mr. President, a bill originally introduced primarily by Senator McKenzie. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 18, referred to the Revenue Committee, bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Revenue Committee, Mr. President.