

of this time and then you're recognized to speak a second time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Witek a question. Senator Witek, I don't know what the term liberal means, so that's not the question that I'm going to ask you at this point. Are you in favor of this government subsidy to the newspapers?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Senator Chambers, I apologize, I'm working on some other bills and I haven't been paying any attention to what you're saying.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It won't take me long to bring you up to snuff.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This is LB 418,...

SENATOR WITEK: Gotcha.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...which provides a subsidy to the newspapers for printing legally required notices or statutorily required notices. I am not opposed to holding them harmless by allowing them enough money to be held harmless. But when they make a profit on it, then to me it is a governmental subsidy of a for-profit corporation and I'm opposed to that subsidy aspect. What is your feeling about that?

SENATOR WITEK: I've never been opposed to making a profit.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you in favor of the government giving the subsidy?

SENATOR WITEK: Is the government...the government is requiring that this be done in their newspaper, correct?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, and I'm saying let them recoup enough to be held harmless, but why should the government mandate in statute a level of profit for these businesses. That's what I'm asking you.

SENATOR WITEK: I don't know, Senator Chambers. I don't...I