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Certainly, I have certain dates on my calendar that I have red-lettered: April 1, August 1. You just know that if you own a piece of property that taxes are due on those dates. So who really is benefited by a notice? The community, I think, is benefited because they know who has not paid their taxes on time and if they're not paid on time who picks up that cost. Certainly the bankers, the mortgage holders have a right to know if these taxes are not paid on time because they are a prior lien to that property. So I think it, as Senator Byars mentioned, it is permissive. I don't think we need permissive language in our statute. I think these notices should be...should be made in the...whatever the publication that is chosen by the treasurer and that notice then goes out to the public and the public has an awareness of what is happening within its county, within its community. I would urge the body to adopt the Byars amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Stuhr, followed by Senator Hilgert, Wehrbein, Schimek, Crosby, Vrtiska, Wickersham, Jones, and Schellpeper. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I stand in support of Senator Byars' amendment. I believe that it is the public's right to know about this information and to...and that we need to continue to protect that right. I really don't know what the motivation was to make this permissive, but I did some research in my local county and my local newspaper did a run of the costs of publishing these legal notices and it was actually eight-tenths of one percent. So, if we're talking about expense, I don't believe that that should be the reason that we allow this publication to be terminated by the individual county. So I rise in support of Senator Byars' amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you. Hello? (Taps on microphone.) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, I rise in support of the Byars amendment as well, you know, and (LB) 136 was "IPP'd" a week ago. I believe the genesis of what is included in the committee amendments and what will be stricken by the Byars amendment was an idea brought before the committee at that time of the