

individual in the committee to vote against advancement. The arguments that are made with regard to some of the smaller publications are probably very true, but I don't know that they are appropriate when we look at some of the other communities. At the same time when we talk about what good corporate citizens newspapers are, at the same time they come in and oppose proposals that would allow for newspaper boys to be covered, and girls, to be covered under worker's comp. It's interesting that they all of a sudden, when they want the political subdivisions to pay more for purposes of legal notices, it is the kind of thing that renders visions of Mom, apple pie and the '57 Chevy. With that, the amendment is clearly a much better version, and I appreciate the work that was done on it, than the original draft of the proposal or the committee amendments, but I don't intend to support the bill and I wanted to explain that before we got to the Maurstad amendment. With that, thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Hall, and before we get to Senator Beutler, our next speaker, I'd like to introduce a guest of the Legislature of Senator Brown, Angie Brickson from Kansas City. She's under the south balcony. Angie, welcome to the Nebraska Legislature. Senator Beutler, you're recognized, followed by Senators Maurstad, Kristensen, Vrtiska, Avery, Schimek and Robinson.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bernard-Stevens, Senator Kristensen, if I may, just wanted to elicit a little maybe policy discussion from you...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Oh, sure.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ..on a couple of items...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Sure.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ..to remind me why it is we've done things for so long in the way that we've... that we've done them.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I'll try.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The first thing I was curious about though was the provision having to do with allowing political subdivisions and newspapers to negotiate rates. In your original bill you had that. The committee amendment apparently retained that provision and then the Maurstad amendment dropped that