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LB 309, 330, 418, 538, 572, 598, 669, 872

to be phased in. It's done away with the other objectionable things and...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...I would oppose the Avery amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LB 330, LB 538, LB 572, LB 872, LB 309, LB 598 and LB 669. Senator Maurstad, your light is next.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President, I also rise to object to the Avery amendment. I'm having passed out just a couple of things I'd like to bring to the body's attention. First of all, and I recognize that we don't have to do everything that every other state is doing, but this is not something that Nebraska is an island at. Indiana, for example, on April 19 passed a law to increase their rate for public notice 5 percent a year for 10 years, 5 percent each year for 10 years, capped at their lowest commercial rate. I don't think that what we're asking for is unreasonable. As people will recall when I introduced the amendment to the committee amendments and I want to thank Senator Schellpeper and Senator Kristensen and Hudkins for their support, was that I come to, designated this as my priority bill from my background as a mayor of the twelfth largest city in the State of Nebraska and having some knowledge of what our publication costs are. In our last fiscal year they ran about \$8,000 so this is not, in a \$15 million budget, a significant item within the local subdivision's budgets. I recognize of course the increase, but there are also increases in other costs at the local level such as when gasoline rates increase. That has a substantial impact to local subdivision's budgets so they deal with their budgets as best they can as the state does also. I think this is a needed bill and the only thing that is going to occur if the Avery amendment is adopted is that we'll certainly be addressing this issue again next year which doesn't appear to me to be a good use of our legislative time so I would urge the body to reject the Avery amendment. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Hudkins.