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(Begin of Belt #6)

Simpson amendment. The question is shall the Simpson amendment be adopted. All those in favor say aye. Those say no. The ayes have it. So ordered. The Simpson Amendment is adopted. Are there any other amendments now to the bill.

CLERK: None.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson, your amendment was adopted. We are back to you. What is your pleasure regarding the bill?

SENATOR SIMPSON: I move to advance LB377 to Initial E & R.

PRESIDENT: The motion now is to advance LB 377 as admitted..as amended.. Senator Nore do you wish to be heard on the bill.

SENATOR NORE: Yes. I would like to ask Senator Simpson some questions, if he would yield.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson yield

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR NORE: Now this will cut down the income of our small newspapers out in the state won't it? Who are supposed to publish news and public notices.

SENATOR SIMPSON: For the ones that are now in this it could be a slight reduction in the amount that they would receive.

SENATOR NORE: Do you realize that we have a number of small newspapers that are just getting along. I mean, public notices is what keeps them going. We hope that we can keep these local newspapers. Now it used to be years ago when I was..0, 40 or 50 years ago that some towns all had two newspapers. Now we're lucky if we can keep one. To keep us informed of what's going on in the community. And I think all of you are going to vote on this bill should take into consideration that that you might lose your newspaper. Because the event of these advertising flyers such as these shoppers guides and etc. they've lost a lot of advertising, and we're going to lose a real good service in that community if we start cutting down these public notices. And in a way I'm in favor of subsidizing a little bit to these notices in addition to giving us a little bit of ..a lot of good public service to a notification. Now most of us don't read these notices, only occasionally. You learn by repetition. If the public that they publish every month by the end of the year, almost everyone is going to see this. If they are published once a year or twice a year, I think it is twice a year you have it. Why a very small percentage of the taxpayers will see these notices. But publish them every month and by the years end they have a pretty good idea of what's going on in the county. Or in the village, or in the city. Now I know in Lincoln here, you don't care because the large publication like the Lincoln Journal and the World Herald. I suppose eventually that's the only newspapers we will have left in Nebraska. If we keep going in the direction we're going.