

the world on notice that there is a proceeding in county court...the world is on notice that there is a proceeding in county court and the title can be affected by that proceeding. Thus anybody who is buying the property from an heir or legatee or someone else and they have the title examined either through an abstractor and a lawyer or in the alternative through a title insurance company, once they see a filed notice with the register of deeds then goes to the county court and checks back on the rest of the records. But that essentially is the function of that notice requirement. Filing two distinct notices with the register of deeds, again there are two different filing fees paid, it clutters up the register of deeds records and, in fact, the second notice is surplusage, and it is for that reason it is being eliminated.

PRESIDENT: Does that answer your question, Senator Lamb? All right, we will proceed then, Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President, members of the body, I am a little concerned about some of the items in here. It looks like our attorneys want to kind of slip this across, but maybe not. So, I will yield my time to Frank Lewis. I think he has something to say about it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis is next on the speaking list, so the Chair recognizes Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, Mr. President, I think we have seen some performances this morning that are entitled to academy awards. It amazes me...it amazes me to see the lawyers get up and express concern that there may be a \$75.00 charge on a probate. Those of you that have gone through it, like my mother did when my father died, understands the cost, and the high cost isn't the 75 bucks and I can guarantee you that. Now I am not going to cast any aspersions because that is not my nature, but you speculate where the cost is. You guess. Do you think it is for painting the court house? Do you think it is for flowers? Do you think it is in terms of some service? Do you think it is the lawyers? You pass. You pass. And to come up here and suggest that they are genuinely concerned that the citizen doesn't have to pay this, with a straight face, I give them a straight ten...superb performance for a nothing bill.

PRESIDENT: There is a motion on the desk, Mr. Clerk. Senator Lewis, you are not through yet. You have to take your second curtain. There is a motion on the desk that I understand you have. Yes.