

Newsweek a news media type magazine?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, I think so. Yes, I would.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Would you call Business Week a news type magazine?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, I think so.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Then I don't think that argument holds a lot of water.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, some of mine don't.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, I am just inclined to think that when you get all through with this you are going to find out that it is the same as the shield law. We don't want to bring newspapers into this because then you wouldn't be able to tax magazines because who has got the nerve to vote to tax the newspapers in his own district. I mean regardless of the fact that your constituents will pay less tax when the multimillion dollar news media would be finally paying some part of sales tax, I guess I just find it incredulous to believe that the Revenue Committee would come out with a bill that says tax magazines but don't tax newspapers. I can't go along with the Hefner amendment. I will tell you quite frankly I don't like the idea of differentiating between news magazines and newspapers, and I think if Holly Jensen or Donna Carnes, who is ever the one who gave you the figures, would check with the newspapers across the state she would find that she would get accurate figures of exactly how many newspapers they sell, unless, of course, the newspapers inflate their circulation figures for the purpose of selling more advertising.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SPEAKER NICHOL: And I hate to think that any newspaper who has such a code of ethics to print only the truth would ever inflate their circulation figures. So I guess on that basis I am going to have to be opposed to Senator Hefner's amendment because I don't think newspapers or magazines should be exempt. I think they should pay their share the same as every taxpayer in the state does but I think I am probably about the only Senator on the floor dumb enough to get up and say it. Oh, Pappas says he is with me but I bet