

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted. Do you have anything else on it? Okay, Senator Hartnett, we are back on the bill.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, this bill was brought to me by the Newspaper Association and Secretary of State, Allen Beermann, and what it does, there is a handout passed out to you, and it simply, the problem we are coming in the State of Nebraska that each county does not have a legal newspaper, and we have three counties right now without a legal newspaper, and they are doing it, they are having legal notices published by the actions of the school districts and the county boards and so forth but they really don't have to. So what this bill does is actually requires, puts legally, that they must file, put the legal notices into a recognized newspaper, a legal newspaper, which is defined in the first part of my handout. And so I simply urge the board to pass this bill forward. Thank you. I'd answer any questions if there are any.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee held a hearing on this bill. The Secretary of State, Allen Beermann, testified that we need this bill and we need it with the emergency clause on it so that it will take effect as soon as the Governor signs it. Jim Raglin of the Nebraska Press Association also testified that we need it because in some of these counties we are having a problem finding a newspaper to print these legal notices, and what this bill says, it just says in any legal newspaper of general circulation in the city or county. Therefore, I would urge you to support and advance this bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, Senator Pappas, did you wish to speak on this?

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes, can I ask Senator Hartnett a question or two, please?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Senator Hartnett, wouldn't it be just as easy, instead of going through this procedure to make it