

Schrock, and Schmit. Hartnett passes. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam President. I support the Hartnett amendment also and I have a lot of small town newspapers in my district, too, and I think one thing that has not been brought up today is that in the smaller towns, I don't think Senator Landis and Senator Hall are probably aware of the fact that in the smaller towns they have to use the postal service to mail these newspapers. And we did just have an increase of 22 percent, and in one of my newspapers, particularly, that makes the postal service the second highest paid employee. And that increase just has to be passed onto the subscribers, and I think that has been overlooked in our conversation today is that it has to be mailed. They don't have any other way of delivering their newspapers, and I think somebody is lying here today. I didn't get any endorsements either, and everybody said they didn't get an endorsement. I'd just like to know who those newspapers have been endorsing all this time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President, members. If we ever get to the bill, I will have a couple of questions, but I guess I will say something more about this. There was some things said a few minutes ago about the fact that a newspaper is a business. Well, of course, it is. If it didn't sell advertising, you wouldn't be able to purchase a newspaper. You couldn't afford it because the advertising is what pays for the production. So from that point of view, of course, it is a business. No one has said that it was not a business, but from the editorial side, that is your product, and that is what you are looking for when you get the newspaper. The other thing, the other impression that is sort of being left here is that newspapers aren't taxed. Well, the product may not be taxed but they pay taxes. They pay all kinds of taxes, income tax, sales tax on the material they buy, occupation tax, I am sure, depending on where the business is and so on, what city it is in, and that, so they do pay taxes. And, yes, Senator Landis, I do feel sentimental about newspapers. Movable type, what a tremendous thing for us in this world when we were able to print everything instead of some poor little monk sitting in a monastery copying everything one by one. Over here at the Pershing Auditorium, they are showing the 15 scripted, is it 15, but anyway, the scripted copies of the Bill of Rights that were