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SENATOR VENDITTE: No, I understand, Senator Chambers....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That is what I thought.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Now, can you give me a cost? What if they revert to that, what is that going to cost the average tax payer in the City of Omaha.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Venditte I don't have those figures but I'm sure that the Finance Department in the City of Omaha has those....

SENATOR VENDITTE: I do, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They knew at the time they ran up this bill what it was going to cost and they have the means there to pay it right now. But, they don't want to pay it. That is what it boils down to.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Senator Chambers, can I answer that question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You asked....

SENATOR DUIS: Please don't talk at the same time. Go ahead, Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Senator Chambers, as I see this increase in the mill levy it would jump up to \$58 a year per family. I don't think that that is something the people in your district want. It certainly isn't something that the people in my district want. So, well if I am wrong I would like to be corrected, Senator Chambers, because these are the figures that have been given to me by Mayor Veys.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, Senator Venditte, what people in my district, your district and nobody's district in Omaha likes is people sitting down town throwing away money in the fashion that they are doing and not planning wisely. That is where the problem is and now that the problem is here, you are saying let the city not suffer the consequences of its carelessness. Let that responsibility be shifted to the Legislature and you have already, yourself, pointed out a means to pay off this money. But, they don't want to use it because it is politically unpopular for those in the city. So you say shift the politically unpopular deed to the back of the Legislature and I say that is incorrect and improper.

SENATOR VENDITTE: I still don't hear any solutions, Senator Chambers, and I still have to...the concern that I have is everytime you say "let the city accept this responsibility" what we are doing is saying let the people of south Omaha and let the people of north Omaha accept this responsibility. I can tell you right now, Senator Chambers, that of the four alternatives that I have, I would have to support 902 at this point and I would hope that the body would reject the kill motion. Thank you.

SENATOR DUIS: Thank you, Senator Venditte. Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: (no response audible)

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Bereuter passes. Senator Goodrich.

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