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to require a vote of the people before something can be done by government, and I am going to see if the same arguments being made against this will be made against that,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and you will say, just throw them out of office if they don't do what you want them to do. I want a roll call vote, Madam Chair.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The house is under call. We are still looking for Senator Cudaback. Do you wish to proceed, Senator Chambers? We will proceed with the roll call vote on the Chambers amendment.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 903-904 of the Legislative Journal.) 14 ayes, 18 nays, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment fails. I will raise the call. Do you have further amendments on the desk, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Haberman would move to amend the bill. (See FA274 on page 904 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Madam President and members of the body, it has been established here that this garbage is presently being picked up and the people are paying it through their property tax for this service. The bill gives the authority to the mayor and the city council to put on a fee, if they so desire. The amendment strictly says or mainly says that if, if a fee or tax is put on, the property tax has to be lowered in the same amount. In other words, if \$8 million is raised by a tax, then the mill levy or property tax comes down \$8 million. That is fair. Surely you wouldn't want the City of Omaha to double-dip, keep their \$8 million on the tax and also keep the property tax money, \$8 million dollars and spend it for what? Horse races, the museum, the zoo, or what have you. So this is, Senator Morrissey, a fairness amendment. You know, I didn't know that this was going to turn into a debate to throw Mayor Morgan out, but evidently it has because it has been suggested here that if the people don't like it, they get rid of the city council and maybe the mayor. I didn't understand that but it might be, throw the rascal out. Also I didn't realize that this was going