

know that. We just don't know. We need a system that will clearly identify for the people the cost of solid waste management. We need that to stimulate reduction, stimulate recycling, stimulate a volume-based fee so the person that produces just one little sack of garbage will not pay the same as a person that produces one dumpster full or maybe two sacks full or ten sacks full. That is where we must go for a properly managed integrated solid waste system. We must move in that direction. Senator Haberman's bill makes this...or his amendment makes this a more honest attempt to do what I am trying to do, identify the costs of solid waste and charge those to the people that produce that waste. I'd urge you support Senator Haberman's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I feel a bit more comfortable now because Senator Morrissey and I are on the same side of an issue. This does go to what he and I were attempting to discuss through his questioning of me. Will an assessment such as this do anything to mitigate the amount of taxes paid by a property taxpayer, if under the present system the garbage pickup and so forth is paid by property tax? Senator Haberman's amendment will make it a one for one exchange. If you are saying that property taxpayers should not pay for the removal, recycling, and all the other things that will be done with this garbage, but that there should be an amount assessed to each individual household from which this refuse will be taken, Senator Haberman's amendment will help ensure that a windfall is not going to be created for the city, that under the guise of doing something about solid waste, the city is really trying to fatten its coffers so that money can be spent for other things that it currently does not have money to spend for. I would like to ask Senator Horgan a question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Horgan, was it your under...who asked you to bring this bill?

SENATOR HORGAN: Mayor Morgan asked me to bring this bill,