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that it is not a tremendous problem by mandating that it be done this year. So it is a spirit of cooperation between the City of Omaha and the County of Douglas to accomplish a purpose to the benefit of all of the citizens of Omaha.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I see that hardhearted Bill Nichol, but I cannot locate his colleague...I see Senator Kahle talking back there with the arts conservative when it comes to the spending of the Legislature. Here is a lady who is a freshman Senator from the City of Omaha, Nebraska, and you all will not give her what she...well not what Carol wants, I am sorry, what Omaha wants. Now you have a city council composed of seven members. They stumble and bumble on occasion but that is to be expected and a mayor who occasionally does not tell the truth but now is that any reason to deal so harshly? We have a city called Omaha which has been spoiled by the Legislature. You have given them reason to believe that they can come down here in this fashion and cover up their blunders and mistakes with a legislative eraser. If you have a baby which is being given adequate nutrition and then you give that child more than what it needs, and then suddenly take it away, you have been unfair twice. First, you were unfair in giving it more than it needed. Second, after you caused it to rely on that additional nutrition which it does not need, you took it away. So since we have spoiled Omaha and made them feel that they can get anything they need from the Legislature to correct their blunders, I think we ought to allow Senator Pirsch to have this bill. She is making a very small change in it, changing one word. She is substituting it for another and the second word has fewer letters, so with fewer letters it might be cheaper to print, and I think if we are very reasonable, and if we are kindhearted this morning, and if we can adopt the proper attitude toward Omaha, we will grant them this boon. Now that I have lectured the rest of you I have to tell you that I have a little different attitude toward Omaha and I am somewhat recalcitrant and I don't quite feel the things that I have said to you, but there are more of you than there are of me and if I persuaded enough of you to vote with the amendment, Omaha can have what they want, but I am not going to tell you how I am going to vote. You will have to watch the board to see that.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Senator DeCamp. Pass, oh, that is good.

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