

sixty day notice that they would be required to get out of certain sanitary improvement districts but I also understand full well the cry of residents living in SIDs. But I want to hear that cry and it isn't very loud now because this whole issue has only been brought to the attention of the public. It hasn't even hit the press within the last couple of days. So I would ask you, colleagues, now that the other amendment was defeated that you would support Senator Koch's amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Senator Clark, I too am very glad that Senator Koch spoke up and forced the issue and told it like it was. This is the way it should be and this is what I would like you to consider when you make this decision to vote this amendment out. Now remember the language that is in the present bill, "to collect and dispose of or contract for the collection and disposal of solid waste materials." This gives a great deal of latitude to a new SID who many times is struggling with other problems than the solution of who does the weekly pickup. We come to the arguments that were handed out to you that presently they have to individually contract with different private haulers and this results in heavy truck traffic in and out of the SIDs almost every day. I also live in an SID and I can tell you truthfully, I can't even remember when they came or when my neighbor's pickup came. And if you do allow SIDs, and SIDs do contract for this service, you still cannot keep individuals from individually contracting because they feel they get better service, more efficient service. This is happening in the City of Omaha continually, many pickups in Omaha, because the contracted for service is not sufficient. I hope that you will look at the letter that I passed out earlier. The gentleman, Mr. Rakes, pointed out that before the residents of Millard was annexed they were picking up in that. As soon as it was annexed and became a part of the contracted Omaha hauler, that they were eliminated from that process. This is their fear and I think it is a very real fear, that because of their size they cannot bid on these big SIDs. At the end of Mr. Rakes' letter he says, "more competition is needed, not less, and if LB 939 passes small competitive businesses involving the disposal of solid wastes will be ruined and their tradition of giving personal efficient service will be eliminated." Now this is a real fear whether you think that is going too far or not and I would hope that your vote would be on the side of the small business person. At least, not to allow an axe over their head while this question is being studied. Let's take this amendment out. It is controversial. Let's give the benefit of the doubt to the small business person and next year, and Senator Landis and those opponents agreed