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SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam Chairman and members of the body, the committee amendments do two things. First, it makes clear that the fees collected by the metropolitan utility class cities, which is Omaha, for garbage and refuse removal, and so forth, are to go into a single fund and are to be used exclusively for the purpose of payments of costs related to collecting the fee. Secondly, the amendment eliminates Section 3 of the original bill which would authorize the metropolitan utility district to shut off water service for nonpayment of the garbage and refuse fee. This is what the committee amendments do and I would simply, if there's no questions, simply ask for the body to adopt the committee amendments to 1008.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. I will now recognize senators wishing to speak to the committee amendments. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Main bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay. Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Madam President and members, I would simply rise to support the committee amendments. LB 1008 is a bill that's been brought to the body at the request of the Morgan administration in Omaha and the Omaha City Council. The bill, as amended, certifies that any collection fee that would be implemented would go into a designated garbage collection system account within the city and would not supplement the General Fund and I agree with that, and it's agreeable also to the city. The other amendment deals with not being able to take...to cut off your water if you do not make a payment and that is similar...when the bill is on your MUD bill, that's similar to other cities that have that system, such as Bellevue, and would support that amendment also. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Horgan. Senator Morrissey, do you wish to speak to the committee amendments? Okay, does anyone else wish to speak to the committee amendments? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Hartnett? Closing is waived. We will now vote on the committee amendments to LB 1008. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of the committee amendments.