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SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Hefner, I think it was simply kind of their powers that they could just simply do it. It was a question about the metropolitan class cities, I think, and the Attorney General. I think the cities just had that power. It's been for, you know, since cities were formed with the other classes.

SENATOR HEFNER: Oh, I see. Well, thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Hartnett said he thinks that the other cities besides those in the metropolitan class didn't have to have the authority of the Legislature and I will certainly take his word at that. But I guess I'm a little concerned of why Omaha has to come to the Legislature to do this. But I think this is a reasonable proposal. Most of the other towns and cities in Nebraska charge a garbage fee and I think it's only right that we grant that authority to Omaha to do this, because garbage is becoming quite a problem now. And it seems like as we go on that each family, each small business and others have more garbage than we used to. So I'm going to support this proposal.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam Chairman and members of the body, I've served as Chairman of Urban Affairs Committee for six years and I think I've asked the same question that Senator Hefner did. Why do we have to do this through the Legislature? And I guess that there has been Attorney Generals, and we simply need to give them this authority and I think, like Senator Horgan said, it's just simply granting them authority, they don't really have to charge the fee. And we all, you know, where I live in Bellevue, we pay a garbage fee and I think that's, you know, something that all of us should have to pay. So I support 1008. Supported it in committee and support it now on the floor.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: In response to Senator Hefner's question, my trusty legislative aide has pointed out, Senator, that in 1972 there was a law enacted that allowed municipal utility districts to supply water to retail residents of a city or village other than a metropolitan city and to collect a fee for that. And then there is also, I think it's 14-102 that also authorizes these cities or villages other than a metropolitan class to