

people like to say, well, we're going to raise the fee, we're going to put a fee on, we're going to do this, we're going to do that. The fee word seems a lot better but it's still a t-a-x, a tax, tax, tax, tax. Now, the average citizen is getting tired of taxes. And I brought up this morning the fact that, in my office, that what if the City Council they have no control, what about the citizens? Well, if the City Council does this, they can throw the rascals out. Well, I'd like to see that happen. I'd like to see all those rascals thrown out and the Mayor thrown out, and everybody thrown out. It isn't going to happen, because the people who are hurt most by this probably don't vote. Now, we can't mention a \$7 fee because that's a no-no. But Senator Horgan has said that the City Council has or will consider or has thought about or are even thinking about \$7. So, as I said before, I'm convinced they should have a fee, so I lowered it to a dollar. Legally, technically, and "germanic", it's all legal, lowering it the way I have this amendment written. Let's don't forget the homeless, we're not doing anything for them but we're going to raise \$8 million for something else, Senator Morrissey, Senator Horgan, the hungry, the unemployed, but we're not doing anything for them, we're just taxing them more money, that's all we're doing, tax, tax, tax. You pick up the paper, in Omaha they're hungry, homeless, yet we're going to give the authority to the powers to be to tax these folks because Senator Morrissey says we have to have some way to dispose of this garbage. I will agree with you, Senator Morrissey, but I think a dollar or a million bucks a year, 8 million bucks, 5 million bucks in five years is enough. There will even be some folks that can't afford the dollar a month. It will hurt them. However, I would like to ask this body to adopt my amendment that if there is a fee, it can't be over a dollar a month per household. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Haberman. I will now recognize senators wishing to speak to the Haberman amendment. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President, and members, the fee should not be regulated to \$1 per month, it should be clearly identified as a solid waste disposal fee and it should be related to the amount of waste you produce, as Senator Pirsch said. That's very...a volume base is what we need to move forward...move toward in this state, not just Omaha, in this whole state for a fee structure. Now, the fee structure can be built so that you can give benefits for low income people. Now,