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the entire state, we're going to all need to work together to do the right thing, because this state is woefully lacking in solid waste management. There are...there are good questions that can be asked about this bill but the amount that the City Council charges...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...in fees is not valid for this body to address. I would urge you to defeat this amendment. If you want to address the transfer of funds and what happens to the money that was used, let's address that and move this bill along. The intent of clearly identifying the cost of solid waste, as proposed in this bill, is very sound, it's something the entire state needs to do to move towards a solution in our waste problems. Oppose the amendment and support the concept of fee-base systems. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Ashford, followed by Senator Cudaback, Horgan, Chambers and Haberman. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Madam President, and members, I appreciate the comments of Senator Morrissey because I think that's really the crucial point. The points that were made by Senator Morrissey are the critical points in LB 1008 and it's for the reasons that Senator Morrissey gave that I am supporting this bill. I, originally, when it was introduced, did not support it. As it was introduced, there was not an amendment to segregate the funds into a separate fund to deal with the problems of solid waste management and then Senator Horgan, I think very astutely and thoughtfully, proposed an amendment, which I cosigned, I think Senator Morrissey did as well, which segregated this money into a special fund to deal with solid waste, the solid waste problem. And, as I look at this bill and think about it, and think about all the other bills that have been introduced in the area of solid waste management, I think it's that this bill becomes more and more and more critical. If we continue to not deal with solid waste management in a real way, the taxpayers of our state are going to have to pay in their tax...out of their tax dollars so much more money than what they are paying now that they are going to wish that this Legislature in 1992 had dealt with this issue frankly and honestly. I think Senator Morrissey's comment that...could I have a gavel, Madam President? I can't hear what I'm...(gavel).