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LB 1008. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Cudaback. I'm going to interrupt debate for just a minute now and introduce some special guests of the Legislature. Seated under the south balcony are guests of Senator Robinson. They are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dam. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Legislature. Thank you. And seated in the north balcony are special guests of Senator Doug Kristensen and Senator Jim Cudaback. They are members of the leadership Kearney class of 24 leaders from Kearney and its environs. Welcome to the Legislature. Please rise and be recognized. Thank you. Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Madam President, is this on the amendment to the amendment?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, if you...we'll take that up now.

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Horgan would move to amend Senator Haberman's amendment. (Read the Horgan amendment, FA272, as found on page 901 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Madam President, I rise in strong opposition to Senator Haberman's amendment and believe that it brings us into a discussion of local control that is inappropriate for this bill or other bills. This Legislature does not have a history of setting limits or controls or lids on local option fees or taxes and I think for us to do that is bad policy. But for us to do it just for Omaha is even worse policy. As Senator Hefner asked this morning, why is Omaha in this mess, to begin with? Well, it's because this Legislature, in the past, has dealt with legislation that excludes Omaha. Senator Haberman now offers an amendment that only affects Omaha. It kind of falls in the line of it's good for the goose, it's good for the gander. If it's only a dollar in Omaha, it better only be a dollar in Imperial. So this amendment simply says, fine, if it's only going to be a dollar, if you can collect garbage efficiently and effectively for a dollar a household, okay. If you can do it Omaha, you can