

do it in Lincoln, you can do it in McCook and you can do it in Scottsbluff. That's simply what this amendment does, it simply says if it's good for Omaha, it's good for every village, city and municipality currently authorized to collect a garbage fee. If we're going to limit Omaha to a dollar, then let's limit everybody. It makes sense. Doesn't seem to, you know, go against any logic that Senator Haberman seems to be able to explain. It would be interesting to know how much Senator Haberman pays to have his garbage collected. But that's not really the issue of this bill. LB 1008 is not a bill that says how much the City of Omaha should collect for garbage. What it is, this is a bill that says the City of Omaha ought to have the authority, if it has the approval of its elected officials, to implement a garbage fee. We don't say how much it should be or what it should be. We simply say that, as every other municipality in the state has the authority to do it, so should Omaha. It's a question of fairness and it's a question of what's right. And Senator Haberman is harassing this bill and I resent it. But I would withdraw my amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Horgan. We will proceed then with debate on Senator Haberman's amendment. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Haberman, Wehrbein, Morrissey and Robinson. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, Senator Horgan can describe this amendment by Senator Haberman as an interference with local control all he chooses. See, he doesn't live in a part of Omaha that is denied adequate public services. He does not live in a part of Omaha where they regularly conduct high speed chases through the streets. He does not live in a part of Omaha where they drive horses, ride horses, the police, down residential areas, where they close streets, where they stop people for these so-called suspicion checks. He doesn't see that. So, for him, this is a fine thing. It's a fine thing for Senator Ashford and all these others who can discuss these things in a vacuum. But when you actually have to face and confront what the City of Omaha does and the discriminatory way it handles things, this is not something done in a vacuum. There are people who are poor. And for people like Senator Horgan and Senator Ashford it's probably hard to envision \$7 a month making any difference in anything. But consider that question outside the context of this fee they want when they talk about elderly people having to choose between heating and eating. But then they're not talking about