

elderly people in the poor black community. They're talking about some of the people that they know of their complexion. There is always a desire to say, let's not bring those kind of issues in because it doesn't relate to that. Oh, yes, it does relate to it. These fees place burdens on real living human beings who possess all the intrinsic value, in my opinion, of every other human being. They don't have to have blue eyes and blond hair to have intrinsic worth. And if Senator Ashford would look into some of these issues, as he has done on welfare issues, he has gone to some of those areas of the city where what are called welfare lunches are given, showing the meager amount of food which can be purchased with the meager amount of money made available to families in dire straits. But on this particular issue, he has a blind spot because he hasn't looked at it. I don't see anything wrong with Senator Haberman's amendment which says that any fee assessed pursuant to the authority under this bill will be limited to a dollar a month. I don't want to see the fee at all. There are other, other financial difficulties that Omaha experiences that have nothing to do with garbage collection, recycling, or disposal. When the North Freeway cut through my district, displaced hundreds of families who are suffering to this day, I came to this Legislature, as the people from Boyd County came, and the Legislature turned a deaf ear to everything that I asked, to every argument that I raised, and now many years after the fact, politicians who are now running for higher offices are saying they would not have allowed the freeway to go through if they knew now what they knew then. When the people from Boyd County came, I remembered the devastation done to the people in my community, and I supported their effort to rescue theirs, but a quid pro quo relationship has to be established at some point. Because I will allow people to walk, in some instances, on my community as was done with the North Freeway, and not do anything in the way of retaliation, but will support other groups represented by those senators who turned a deaf ear to the pleas of my people, I have to change. So vote this fee in like Senator Horgan, Senator Ashford, and the others want, but when you come to me and tell me about a problem in rural Nebraska, you tell me about a waste facility that you don't think ought to be there, I will save you the time and tell you to save your breath. Don't bring it to me. You have helped in taking care of your area because there are more people of your complexion in this body and they can relate to you because they look like you. The only way to show the seriousness of these issues is to deal with them in a forthright serious way, and I