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SENATOR HABERMAN: You bet.

SENATOR HORGAN: We are going to spend a lot of time on this, aren't we?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Pardon.

SENATOR HORGAN: We are spending an awful lot of time on this, aren't we?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, it is an important issue. It is an \$8 million issue. We don't every day just throw \$8 million out the window. Some people do, but I don't like to do that. Thank you, Senator Horgan. Folks, do we really...do we really need this bill because the garbage is being picked up at the present time? The people who have the contract are being paid. So what we are going to do here is a term that we could rely to, say, double-dipping. The city is going to possibly increase a fee to collect the garbage, and on the other side of the coin, they are already getting the funds to collect the garbage. So this might be double-dipping. However, the amendment says, if and whenever there is a fee, it shall not exceed \$1 per household instead of \$8 per household. There is 100,000 households in Omaha, so at \$8 a household would be \$800,000 a month. Under my amendment, it would be \$100,000 a month, or over a million dollars a year. And for Senator Horgan and the rest of the people on the floor, in Imperial, Nebraska, we presently pay a garbage fee to pick up the garbage. We presently pay that. I will have the figure for you before we are through with the debate. I would ask you to support my amendment. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Do I see sufficient seconds? I do. We will now vote on the motion to call the question. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion to cease debate? Have you all voted? Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Madam President, could I have a call of the house, please.

PRESIDENT MOUL: A motion for a call of the house. All those in