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might and I might not. I will hear what the questions are.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: All right. How do you perceive the present billing system of solid waste as being fair for your constituents?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't have an answer to that.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Okay, they are paying it through their property taxes, and a widow lady in your area could produce maybe one grocery sack full of waste per week and be charged the same as someone living up, I have no idea where the rich sections of Omaha are, she will be charged the exact same per her income, the percentage of her income because the people that live in the nicer houses are going to pay the property tax, but the percentage of that tax that goes to solid waste is the same as that widow lady is paying downtown, do you follow or not?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, let me see if I do follow you. Then what you are telling me is that if this bill passes that widow lady is going to pay less in property tax, is that what you are telling me?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: No, less in disposal fees if they follow through, which is no guarantee, with a volume-based fee system, which is the ideal system in my mind.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yeah, I misunderstood your question.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Okay, one sack, this lady prepares one sack, she gets ten bucks charge for that. Someone up in the ritzier section of Omaha creates a lot more waste, they produce ten sacks, under this, what I would hope this system would lead to, that person pays a hundred bucks, a dollar per sack, it would be ten per sack.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Morrissey, I am lost on what you are asking me. Is it your understanding that this widow lady now pays a certain amount for the garbage that is picked up at her house, because if that is your understanding, that is not what happens in Omaha?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: It is collected through the General Fund, right?