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SENATOR CHAMBERS: But where would that money come from. See, you are asking me a question an answer to which I can't give, and I don't think you can give either.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: It is paid through property taxes, so how was that money assessed? I mean, they just take a certain amount of dollars out of the General Funds to pay for the waste disposal system.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: And I suppose that that lady is producing less waste than someone with six people in their family and maybe even a nicer house, a lot nicer house, and I don't think she is being charged any less than the person with the more waste and the nicer house.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Here is why I said I don't have an answer...I am trying to find out what you are asking me. First of all, are you saying that under this bill, that widow lady would have her property taxes reduced as a result of this bill...

SENATOR MORRISSEY: No, I am not saying that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then she would still pay the property tax plus this fee.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How is that helping her? That is why I don't understand the question that you're asking.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: No, well, and that's the legitimate question in my mind on this bill is what happens to that \$8 million that we are presently spending in Omaha on waste disposal, but how those costs are allotted, I think it is just basically, it would boil down to a per residence type of fee. She is going pay the same amount through her property taxes now as someone in the nicer section of town. This bill would allow, wouldn't require, them to go to a fee-based system, or volume-based system. In other words, the more you produce, the more you pay, which is the proper way in my mind...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.