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SENATOR HORGAN: Yes, they have.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they were not successful, were they?

SENATOR HORGAN: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So to be unsuccessful at first, doesn't mean you won't be unsuccessful in the future, does it?

SENATOR HORGAN: As we know in many issues, that may be true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So they could build up a fund through this fee, no limits...on which no limits have been placed, build up a fund, then as early as next year say that Omaha is experiencing a financial crunch and the city wants the discretion to go into this fund, they could do that, couldn't they?

SENATOR HORGAN: They could do it, Senator, but they could do a number of things, and it is very unlikely that they would do so, nor is it likely we would approve it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why, then, don't you want to place any kind...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of a limit on the amount that this fee can be?

SENATOR HORGAN: Because, Senator, the cost of collecting garbage and refuse, and the cost of recycling is skyrocketing, and in 1995, the Watts Trucking contract will be up, and...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay,...

SENATOR HORGAN: ...that contract was bid, as you know, Senator, very low.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...since we are on my time, would you be willing to put a limit of \$20 per month per household as a limit?

SENATOR HORGAN: I would be more amenable to it, but I not excited about it. I think we ought to let the local government