

taxing base has been reduced by the amount that was taken when the cities were allowed to levy taxes. Some of you will say this is not a tax, that it is a user's service. Let me ask Senator Horgan another question. This is based, Senator Horgan, on something Senator Morrissey and I were talking about earlier. Would the fee be the same, as you would vision the way this program would operate, on each household?

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes, Senator. As I would, you know, and, again, I am not envisioning this, the city is envisioning this, but it would be a per...what it would cost to put the bill on your MUD bill and to mail it out.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But here is what I mean, you envision a flat fee for each household, not a sliding fee based on the amount of garbage that is picked up (interruption)?

SENATOR HORGAN: No, Senator, that is incorrect.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Well, somebody talked about a water bill, a light bill, and a gas bill. Does each person's gas bill amount to the same, or is the charge based on the amount of that substance that the person being billed will use?

SENATOR HORGAN: It is based on their usage, Senator, and LB 1008 would allow the city to charge a per use fee.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How much do you think it would cost the city to determine how much is being picked up from each residence?

SENATOR HORGAN: I have no idea, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think they'd have a garbage meter or something on the truck?

SENATOR HORGAN: No, I think what they'd do is what they do in other communities, Senator, and that is you get probably two cans for the flat fee, and anything additional you get charged extra.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And who charges you?

SENATOR HORGAN: Well, in that instance, the city would charge you.