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picked up, one dumpster for about a fourth of what this elderly gentleman is getting picked up. In other words, I am going to pay eight bucks a month as a renter, and the business is going to pay 35 bucks a month. They are going to produce 24 bags of garbage, I am going to produce one bag of garbage. I, as an elderly gentleman, living in this apartment building will be subsidizing the businesses of Omaha for their garbage pickup. Now this is all hypothetical because there is no way to figure, there is no way to figure what these people are paying. So it could be worse, it could be better. Now that is not what we want and I don't think it is the proper way to address the cost of waste disposal. The way things are set up now people, and not just in Omaha, all across the state, a lot of people could be subsidizing businesses for waste disposal. Businesses produce the lion's share of the waste in this state. Now I think we want to clearly identify the cost of those wastes, and whether we do it through this bill or another bill, I don't really care. I really think it is important to set those costs up front and say, this, folks, is what you are paying for your waste because I think people, poor people, middle income, rich people could be supporting, subsidizing businesses for their waste disposal. It is very feasible and I have the figures here, you have the figures in your office in the state solid waste plan that was produced, you can look it up and figure it out yourself. The rates I am working off of very clearly show that an elderly gentleman living in an apartment building in Omaha could be subsidizing, and to the tune of quite a few bucks, the waste service for a business in Omaha.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: I support the concept of LB 1008, the fee-based disposal fees, I supported the concept of Senator Haberman of not allowing this 8 million dollar or whatever slush fund to exist. I think that will probably be discussed further. I think the people of Omaha will be aware of, if this fee system is put in place, there is \$8 million within the budget that needs to be addressed. I don't think the city council can any longer figure that, if they ever did, figure they can hide that 8 million and use it elsewhere without accountability. I think it has been discussed. I think we need to support the concept of a fee-based system and get on with some of the other issues of the session. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Speaker Baack.