

many times, some of my rural colleagues, that this is an Omaha...one of those Omaha things and that's what it is, one of those Omaha things. I think they should be allowed to charge fees, but I don't want to go to the mat on this bill. We worked hard on it now and I think it's very important that we keep progressing on the bill because there's other important issues that probably come in at number three and four and five on priorities this year, behind taxes and solid waste. So I would just ask you all to listen to arguments and make up your own mind. I think Omaha needs to have the ability to collect fees so we can clearly identify what fees are allocated to solid waste management. We can...we should no longer hide those systems. What happens to the other money that Omaha is presently using for that? I could really care less. I hope they would do something that was justifiable and would...they could stand up to their constituency and show them clearly where they use that money and clearly where it was needed and clearly where it did all the citizens of Omaha...

SENATOR LAMB: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...thirty seconds, you said, thank you...a lot of good. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Morrissey touched on some of the things that are in my mind with reference to this bill. Now Senator Hartnett stood up, and Senator Horgan, talking about only Omaha is being singled out in this way but Omaha, as a metropolitan class city, is singled out in the statute for many purposes. But I want to tell Senator Hartnett and Senator Horgan and the other members in this body, mine is the only district which, with this specific complicity of the Legislature, had a section of the interstate run through it, it's called the North Freeway, it devastated that community. We are still suffering the affects of it now. And, after a decade, there was an article in the World-Herald a few weeks ago pointing out that, indeed, the freeway did do tremendous damage to my district, which has not been corrected. The area that I represent is the most impoverished in the state, based on the figures put together by those in the Legislature who study such things. I have heard other senators stand on this floor and argue for their constituency and go to the mat for them. I am no less a