

because they have the least voice in the community. And it is people in my district, probably, who will suffer the least because they have a greater voice and that's...that's, you can't argue that. People in west Omaha, if they call and the street light's out, it's going to get fixed. The people in north Omaha, if they have a street light out, it's probably not going to get fixed. And if the city has to cut its budget and cut its budget and cut its budget, it's the people who have the least voice that will suffer the most. And so I encourage you not to support Senator Chambers' amendment if on no other basis than the public policy question. Thank you.

SENATOR LAME: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, if anybody was listening to Senator Horgan, he gave you a reason why the state must act. When the tax issue was being considered there were senators who said it's time to stop being a representative of a district and be a state senator, meaning look after the interest of the people at large. You have heard Senator Horgan concur with what I told you about the ignoring of the people in my district by the City of Omaha. He has told you how the services that are required by a city to be provided are likely to not be provided in my district but they will be provided in his. Can you see why he trusts Omaha? Why he can go hand in glove with the administration in Omaha because they look after his people in his district. If his district and his people suffered the same problems that I am discussing now, he would be right here supporting me. As a Legislature, how can you have it told to you that a city is not discharging its responsibilities to an entire segment of the population and accept that as an argument why the state should not intervene to make sure the interests of these people are taken care of? The requirement of a vote will not necessarily stop the city from successfully carrying out an election, but what it does is force a discussion among the people in the city who are to be affected. Discussions about what will become of the money that currently is charged against property for the purpose of picking up this garbage, what will become of that if another fee is levied for the same purpose? And the city cannot slip and slide and make the kind of arguments to the people in the city that can be made to you down here on the floor of this Legislature. Senator Horgan gave the best argument in support of my amendment. He knows, and anybody who will drive through Omaha can see how the city does not provide the same services in all