

example that Tom gives of two \$50,000 together, and I wish mine was valued at that, I'm sure my neighbors would as well, but because I live on a corner I guess I get double the benefit when they clean the streets, when the plow goes by not only the north side but the east side of my house and my neighbors, they only go by the front. I mean, the fact of the matter is, ladies and gentlemen, the issue here is you currently have a pool of services, of benefits that you derive from your property taxes. One of them in Omaha is garbage collection and it has been that way since garbage collection was done by the city. It has been paid through property taxes. The issue in the Chambers amendment is just to say before that changes, before there is a special levy handled to the individual homeowner for purposes of collecting garbage, that it has to go to a vote of the people. The people are not complaining right now about paying for garbage collection in their property taxes. It is the city officials who want to use it as a form of revenue, increased revenue, that are complaining about the issue of the garbage collection fee. There, I don't think, has been one complaint filed about the fact that their property taxes are going to pay for garbage collection. That isn't an issue. The argument is cloaked in the fact that we need to be able to show this as a specific item for purposes of making sure that we, first of all, do a very cost effective program in terms of collection of garbage and disposal because this is a very important issue for us. That's wonderful but why couldn't that be done now in terms of the property tax system? There's a budget set aside for it. There's a cost. There's bids that are let in the operation as they are done in the city. Why couldn't those be broken down? If it's as easy as Senator Horgan says, and, granted, it is not going to happen, if you put a fee schedule in place, it is not going to be broken down, it's going to be based on a household. And it doesn't matter if there is 15 people in the household or if there is one, they're going to pay the same amount. It doesn't matter how much is generated unless you're going to expect the folks who pick it up to now count bags or barrels or trash cans or weigh the waste because, I mean, how else are you going to determine what is generated? And then if those individuals in that household change, if that number should go up or down, does their fee increase or decrease accordingly? No, it's not going to happen that way. It's going to be a flat fee, if it's imposed, it's going to be a fee that's unjust in its application and it's going to be one that's over and above what the individuals have paid from day one with regard to the collection of garbage in the City of Omaha. No one's