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ceasing debate. Have you all voted? We're voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. I will go to Senator Chambers to close on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, the amendment that I'm offering is reasonable. I want to underscore again what has been said to you here. But let me start by reminding you that Omaha is the largest city in this state. The problems in Omaha are larger in magnitude and impact than problems found in other municipalities. Some of the means used in smaller cities, towns and villages for the collection of garbage and refuse would not work in the City of Omaha. You might have some locations, some locales which are small enough so that one or two of these refuse trucks would be enough to pick up all of the refuse. But, in Omaha, it does take a coordinated, integrated methodology for picking up effectively all of the garbage and refuse that is produced. Senator Hall has pointed out today, and it has been discussed other days, that the property tax includes money for picking up these materials. If a fee is imposed for that same purpose, there will be no reduction in the property tax. Senator Morrissey says he doesn't care what Omaha does with whatever money winds up in what some of us have referred to as a slush fund. I wonder if he wants me to care what happens to things in his area and to things...to the people who don't live in my district who are concerned about things that he has expressed a concern about. I wonder where Senator Dierks will be on this issue and I wonder where some of the rest of you will be. On that LB 72, and not only that but other bills that were designed to try to give people in an area that would be affected in a way they thought was negative an opportunity to say something about, I have always supported those propositions, not just by voting but by speaking. I have even made two or three visits out into that area. So, as I indicated toward the beginning of this session, it has been a one-way street too long for me down here. There are issues that I believe in and without regard to how unfairly I felt the interests that I represented were being treated, I would vote in a way that I thought was appropriate simply on the merits of the issue. But when a person is playing in a card game and there is supposed to be gambling but everybody else is