

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me ask you this question, if I may, does Bellevue have a specific section in the statutes that allows them to do this through MUD?

SENATOR HORGAN: I believe...well, no, I don't know the answer to that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Wait a minute now, then you only get a half a point that you scored the last time.

SENATOR HORGAN: Well, let me...let me try back, I'm getting a nod from the lobby that yes, it is in statute that the City...that other cities, other than metropolitan can contract with MUD.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And why is it necessary for you to seek a specific statute for Omaha?

SENATOR HORGAN: Because Omaha, in the past, has been specifically left out of the statutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, we're coming to the amendment that you're offering. The main thing in it that you would need would be this contracting power with MUD. Is that correct?

SENATOR HORGAN: No, that's only part of it, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What else do you actually need?

SENATOR HORGAN: The enabling legislation for the city of a metropolitan class.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What about the provision we adopted yesterday that said they are authorized to do that after a vote of the people?

SENATOR HORGAN: Well, the city attorneys have advised the lobbyists for the city that the language in Senator Morrissey's bill is not specific enough to allow them to collect a garbage fee.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, if this is a redundancy, you feel that it won't really hurt anything.