

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I will state the point that I'm getting to, and it's something that I have to consider. If I were going to be a wise strategist, I would not allow the enemy to take any ground that I may subsequently have to try to reclaim. It would be better for me to stop the enemy in his tracks right now, knowing that he intends to try to do me damage on Select File. But I had told Senator Morrissey, and he voted against what I was trying to do yesterday, that if my amendment requiring the vote were adopted, I would speak against what Senator Horgan is trying to do. I will try to persuade you not to adopt his amendment, and I will vote against it. But I will not at this point try to offer amendments for the purpose of delaying the bill. That does not say I will not offer any amendments at all which I think might be valid and helpful to achieve the goals that I have in mind. But I will not put up a sheaf of amendments at this point to try to delay this bill. But I want Senator Horgan, and I want his...his principals in the City of Omaha to know that they are running the risk of having nothing this session. LB 1008 is being amended into 1257. If it gets amended into 1257, and should Senator Horgan and his principals in Omaha succeed in persuading enough senators to take away the right of the citizen of Omaha to vote on whether or not this fee will be imposed, then there may not be any 1257 or 1008. I know Senator Morrissey is sincere about this bill. I know a lot of senators want it because they fear what the federal government may do, if the bill does not pass. However, doing what's going to help Senator Morrissey's people cannot take a priority over what will help my people when the two things, obviously, are mutually exclusive. He voted against what I feel is in the best interests of the people that I'm concerned about and that I represent. So why would he expect me to vote for what he says is in the best interests of his people, when the two interests don't coincide? I'm not here to submerge what I think is best to the interests of Senator Morrissey and the interests that he represents. I would tell him do what he is suggesting that I do and submerge the interests of those he represents to the interests of those that I represent. But he would not do that, nor would any other senator, and I want you all to know that neither will I. But I told him how I would deal on this matter on General File, and I'm going to stick with that. But I want him to know that Senator Horgan's amendment, as drafted, deals with the powers that a city of the metropolitan class will have and can implement. Every provision is open for amendment, and there are legitimate things to amend out of this power that