

not agree with him that we should not go to an up front fee based system. I think people in Senator Chambers' district are now subsidizing business waste disposal in Omaha. If you live in an apartment in Omaha you're paying waste disposal fees through property taxes, indirectly, and also through the disposal fees that you are paying to the contractor that comes to pick up your garbage, who also picks up commercial garbage in town. And I have just ran some figures through my head. The first time we discussed LB 1008 it seemed to me that an elderly person living in an apartment anywhere in Omaha could very well be paying too much to have their waste disposed. So who wins and who loses in anyone's district in Omaha is up for speculation, and that is because the costs have been hidden in property taxes. I'm trying to bring it up front, and that is the reason I support fee-based systems. And Senator Hall discussed yesterday that he should not get away cheaper, or for the same price as his neighbor, a lady who probably produces only one bag of garbage. Only through a fee-based system that is then equated to...or reduced to a volume-based system will that be possible. We don't mandate it, but through a fee-based system the disposal fee is charged at the landfill, and thus the hauler will be paying more, the more they bring in the more they will be paying. And if you do good business, you'll pass that along, you'll pass that cost along to those that produce the most waste, and thus someone who produces one bag of waste should be getting by cheaper than someone that produces four, five, or six. And many metropolitan class cities in the country are doing it that way. They pay by the can. A 30-gallon trash can, the first one costs you 5 bucks, the second one costs you a total, when you have 2 it doesn't cost you 10, it costs you 12 bucks. And when you have 3 it doesn't cost you 15, it costs you 17 or 18 bucks. As you produce more trash you progressively pay more money, thus you are rewarded for reduction. And we don't mandate that here, but in my opinion a well-run waste system would be operated in such a way. I understand Senator Chambers' concerns, that he doesn't feel Omaha is responsive...

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SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...to the needs of his constituents. I see that very clearly. I understand his concern as what will be done with the money that is now being used for solid waste, it will, in the future, be supported by volume...or by fees. I understand that concern. And again, I ask Senator Chambers to consider how his people are faring right now, under the present