

system. And I don't think he can answer that they are faring well. I think the present system is as bad or worse for Senator Chambers' constituents. I would hope the management of the City of Omaha would hear the problems we're discussing today and possibly look at taking that money and possibly giving a portion of it back, because it's a large sum of money, because they might get all 8 million of it to use as they please. They might get none of it to use as they please, or they could consider a compromise and maybe get 4 million to use for good purposes, and 4 million for property tax relief.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: I don't know if they would consider that, I hope they're listening.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Hall, you're next.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I rise to oppose Senator Horgan's amendment to the proposal. The issues that Senator Morrissey raises, with regard to how well run...well run removal systems should operate, are well indeed. The fact of the matter is that the operation here in Lincoln is based on a per household basis, it's a flat fee system. And that's the way it would be run if it were adopted in Omaha. What does that mean? It means that the individual who generates two to three trash cans full of waste would pay the same as an individual who generates very little, one bag is an example that's been used in the past. The issue is what we can go ahead and adjust the system to allow for that differential with regard to how much waste you generate, and that's the way a good system would operate. Well that's fine in the...in the...in a world where everything operates perfectly. The fact of the matter is that there isn't a system out there that could devise, I think, or justify its cost, unless the costs would be exorbitant, and allow for the recording of how much trash was generated by each household and still allow for timely pickup and operation that functioned properly. I mean it isn't going to happen that way. What's going to happen? The argument has been that, well, you know, right now under the current system the individual who, you know, lives in the \$50,000 house and generates 5 bags of garbage is paying...is getting a heck of an advantage over the individual who lives in the \$50,000 house and generates 1 bag of garbage, at least that's the argument that Senator Horgan made