

is your intention with the amendment, as it is drafted and before us, with regard to the amount of money raised that would be used for promotion of recycling?

SENATOR HORGAN: Well, Senator, the language is enabling because it...the bill, itself, or the amendment does not address how much the fee would be, or how much money would be generated, but it would allow, I mean, as you know, recycling is a major issue today. It is an important issue in Omaha, and is likely, for particularly a city the size of Omaha, to become more of an important issue on landfills and trying to encourage people to recycle. So the part of the fee that would be collected under this part of the bill or the amendment would allow the city to use some of that fee to promote recycling, and what that would be I guess would be left up to the city council and the mayor.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you. That is the answer I was looking for. Ladies and gentlemen, again I rise in opposition to the amendment because clearly what Senator Horgan points out here is that this is much more than a garbage collection fee issue. No matter, whether it be Senator Ashford's portion of the amendment or Senator Horgan's portion of the amendment, the issue with regard to where the money is going to be spent, how much of it is going to be raised...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...is not determined by this amendment, but yet the area in which it will be spent is spelled out in the amendment, and it is not as it is listed earlier, it says disposable (sic) or recycling of garbage or refuse, or, but when you get down, for the collection of the fee and for promoting recycling. It, in other words, it is mandatory that recycling be promoted. It is mandatory that there be a collection fee paid. In addition to the fee, itself, on top of that, MUD will charge, rather than just punch in a line item for each individual household as they could very easily do in their system, they are going to generate a fee, collection fee, if you will, for purposes of this, and they are...I guess if you are going to go with this system, there should be some minimal, but there is no provisions in here that deal with what that collection fee will be. There are no provisions or caps in here in terms of what the promotion expense will be for recycling.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.