

SENATOR HALL: But yet both are mandatory by the legislation as it currently exists. I would urge you to oppose Senator Horgan's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Again, I'd like to remind Senator Chambers that I am not holding the system in higher regard, the system that I propose in higher regard than I hold as people. I feel the system that I proposed is best for all the people of the state. And, again, I say no one in this room can tell who is being cheated and who is making out like bandits on the Omaha solid waste fees, as they are currently collected. Now if that is fine with you, that is fine with me. That is fine with me. I understand the arguments being made here, and I am representing the process, and went across the state all summer long and heard from the people, and the results of that process and the recommendations of the Citizens Advisory Committee is LB 1257. We did a lot of work on them, listened to a lot of people. I would leave for work at five-thirty in the morning and go to Craig, Missouri or Amazonia, Missouri, and leave Amazonia and drive to Lincoln and catch a plane to Scottsbluff, and get home at two in the morning, and get up at five the next morning, and do it all again, and drive to Norfolk the next night, get home at one-thirty in the morning, and do it again. I didn't do that for a system in itself, I did it for a system of responsible management of waste that treats everyone fairly, is responsible to people, and works within our existing framework, protects our groundwater, protects the groundwater and the drinking water of all of the citizens of Omaha, Lincoln, and every town in the state. But I guess I didn't figure the discussions to take place, I really didn't see this coming until later but in that whole discussion, we never discussed unresponsive city governments. We talked about working within the system. The system is for the state to responsibly give mandates and goals to achieve, and then give local government the ability to achieve those goals. We never discussed what if you have an unresponsive city government or county government? That didn't really come in to the major points of discussion. We did discuss here and there where county commissioners or city council people that wouldn't do what we wanted, and I guess the answer then is to react like you are supposed to when your city government or your county government doesn't react in a proper