

manner. And, again, I will say anyone in Omaha that can come to me and tell me that their constituents are doing well or poorly by the existing collection system and show me some facts and figures, I'd be more than happy to see it. The fact is you don't know. You do not know under the present system, and our intention of this is to clearly define the costs of waste disposal because there are many intangibles in waste disposal. If you continue to hide the costs because you think your constituents are getting a good deal now and to pay for what they actually produce is a bad deal, you are just taking a very short-term look that doesn't look clear into the future to recognize costs of solid waste disposal, recognize the benefits of reduction in recycling, and recognize the benefits of saving the drinking water and avoiding potential costs in the future...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...for cleaning up contamination and for cleaning up the groundwater of this state. Our bottom line all through this process was the air, protecting the air, and the groundwater of this state. Now we weren't doing that for the purpose of a system. We were doing that for the people of Nebraska and I am really disappointed that we have to come down to this now on the discussion of good or bad city governments. We have approximately 19 months now to get systems in place and, again, I didn't run my tail off this summer for the citizens of southeast Nebraska because they are pretty much way advanced to the rest of the state on solid waste management, although we still have our problems. And you all will continue to have problems and the state will have problems in coordinating their waste effort if this bill doesn't get passed. You might not agree with all of it,...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...but we need to do something to coordinate the waste efforts and protect the groundwater for all the citizens of Nebraska. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Horgan, followed by Senator Chizek, followed by Senator Hall, followed by Senator Abboud. Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Call the question.