

they ought to go to the people, and I support...you know, I support that and I am going to vote for it because that is what ought to happen, it doesn't have to happen anywhere else in the State of Nebraska, but that is going to have to happen in Omaha, and then to turn around and oppose the amendment that puts into statute the ability for the city to then realistically go to the people and say, we want to implement a garbage fee, we've got a crisis in our budget, then to oppose that makes no sense. Because what if we pass the bill and we don't put this amendment into it, if we pass 1257, the city of a metropolitan class has the authority then to go to the vote of the people for nothing because it is not in the statutes what they can do. It gives them the authority to do absolutely nothing. You have to put this amendment in, this enabling legislation in, to allow the city to then go to the vote of the people, if that is the ultimate decision of this body, and have the enabling legislation in there to say this is how the collection fee would be structured, that, indeed, as other classes of cities are allowed, here a metropolitan class is brought into the statutes, and if they want to do it as other communities, like Bellevue do, with using the utility district to implement the collection fee,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HORGAN: ...then they can do that. This is not a controversial issue. This is simply flowing into what Senator Chambers opened up yesterday saying that the city of a metropolitan class has to go get a vote of the people. If that is the judgment of the body, as it was yesterday, then, fine, we need to move into the statutes then the enabling legislation that sets up that structure. Because if you don't allow that structure to come, then you have no purpose of requiring the city to have a vote because they would have a vote on nothing. I encourage you to adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Horgan. Senator Pirsch, you are next.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.