

administration is not harmed at all by taking away this language, which would authorize them to increase the fee on people for the purpose of promoting recycling. Everything Omaha has done by way of recycling thus far has been a disaster. It has been a disaster. They have no plan, they have no proposal, but the wise people of the Legislature down here have decided that Omaha, without any of these things, should be put in a position to collect this fee and make it any amount they choose, and charge it against the homes of elderly people and poor people. And if you don't pay your taxes that are assessed against your home, what can happen? And don't tell me they don't take peoples' homes for small amounts because there have been articles, there have been stories on 20-20 and 60 minutes where elderly people didn't keep track of what was happening to their homes and they lost them for a few hundred dollars. Lost them, and you all like to sit around and say that won't happen, and then when it does, you wash your hands like Pilate and say, well, I had nothing to do with it, they should have paid attention. I have heard people who are members of this Legislature, try to intercede for elderly people who didn't seek their homestead exemption, and other benefits, by the date that constituted the deadline. And because they didn't make it under the deadline, all of their piety and wit could not bring about a change in the requirement that they lost the benefit because they had missed the deadline. These are the kind of things that are being discussed here. But some people are so anxious to get a bill through, so anxious to have their name on the yes column for a bill that professes and purports to be concerned about management of solid waste that they don't look at the real world and the implications of that legislation. I have said that I lost on the issue that Senator Horgan's main amendment went to. I could have been not voting and made a motion to reconsider, and I could offer amendments all day long to what he put there, but I am still in that mode of keeping my word that I made to Senator Morrissey. I said on General File I would not try to do it. So I am going to be bound by that, although my colleagues make promises and break them in the newspaper when they are pressured, and nobody even thinks anything of it. That is the way the game is played. This amendment takes out only the words which would allow Omaha to include in that fee money for promoting recycling. What does that mean? Can they take out advertisements in the Wall Street Journal to try to see if there are companies interested in coming to Nebraska or trying to put together a plan for it? Could they run advertisements in the Washington Post? Or if some of these esoteric magazines like