

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the rest of the state. Then, all of a sudden on a proposition such as this, which goes directly to harming the citizens, Omaha is no different from the smallest little city out there in Nebraska, no different from the smallest little village. They are all the same, yet all of these different classifications of cities, all of them, have been made by virtue of statute on the basis of population. So the differences have already been recognized, but on this one, the differences are to be erased. I hope you will adopt this amendment because the money can still be used to collect, transport, and dispose of the garbage and refuse, and accept the attachment to that fee the cost of collecting it. But after that, no more. I hope you will adopt this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this amendment. Part of the secret of success for recycling is going to be community involvement, community participation, and actually enthusiasm for the recycling process. We have groups in Omaha that have been doing this that, indeed, have that enthusiasm that is necessary. Recycle Omaha has been in on the recycling process from the very beginning. The Scouts are a very big part of recycling projects. The Junior League, the League of Women Voters, many other civic groups and others will be a part of this recycling promotion. I might also add that the media has dedicated some free air time, both radio and television, and I believe that they can be a big part of this promotion, and all of this without spending taxpayer dollars. It is going to be taxpayers who are going to make that decision to make recycling a success, and I hope that they do. And I know there are groups that are anxious to promote and participate, and I think that is where it should be, in those various civic groups and organizations, and, yes, the media also should be involved, and I am sure that they will be. So I do not think this is necessary, and I think that we should leave the promotion outside of the taxpayer dollars.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. If I could ask Senator Horgan just a couple of questions.