

County or Sarpy County or take it across the river, as they did in the past over to Council Bluffs, and pay for that. There's no provisions in place as to how that's going to be handled over the next ten to 15 to 20 years, but yet we're going to go about the process by adopting the Horgan amendment, as we did earlier, of letting the city have additional funds because they will then move to do that, put in place, whether it be by the vote of the people, there are some that would argue that under the current statutes they don't need that justification as far as putting a separate fee in place. Some would argue that they currently have that ability. The issue though is that we are allowing for the implementation of that tax to go in place prior to having any kind of plan in place for purposes of dealing with the solid waste and its management into the future. And that is the reason that I oppose the amendment offered by Senator Horgan and may very likely oppose the entire bill at this point, I don't know, but I would urge the body to adopt Senator Chambers' amendment. I don't think that the issue of promoting recycling belongs anywhere in terms of relationship to a garbage collection fee.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Anyone else wishing to speak to the amendment by Senator Chambers? Seeing no one, Senator Chambers, do you wish to close?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, excuse me, and members of Legislature, so that it's clear where we are for anybody who may be listening, Senator Horgan's amendment that gives the city an authority which they already would have had under 1257 to levy this fee has been adopted. Included in that amendment is a requirement that the money collected as a fee would go into a specific account. That money would be used only for the purposes of collecting and disposing and recycling garbage and refuse, but on the tail end is an additional set of words which allows money for promoting recycling. I already mentioned the poor people and the elderly who are going to be hurt by that fee itself, because even with a vote of the people there is nothing in that vote requirement that limits the fee. There is nothing that would limit the amount that could be charged for this so-called promoting. And whenever you give carte blanche for money to be raised by politicians for promoting it can be used for other purposes in a very crafty manner. There are some politicians who are not above using state money and state influence to assist people who are being investigated for selling and dealing in cocaine. A guy running