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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Senator Kiel.

SENATOR KIEL: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'm very excited that we have had the opportunity to bring this today. One of the aspects of this that I think are very, very...is very, very important is that this will give the ability to communities to establish household hazardous waste reduction programs. The metropolitan area of Omaha does not have a household hazardous waste reduction program that goes on over the year. On occasion, we do have old paint trade-ins and some things like that, but the closest program to Omaha to allow people to reduce their household hazardous waste has been Springfield, Nebraska. And typically, if you have some half-full containers of fertilizer, or pesticide, or whatever in your garage, you're not going to drive, make that round trip to Springfield, Nebraska to get rid of that household hazardous waste. And oftentimes what happens is it ends up in people's garbage, it gets poured down into the sewer, or things happen with it that harm the environment. And what this will allow to happen, and I think is going to be very, very important is to establish those programs where I think there's probably a critical mass of household hazardous waste. And it will give people an opportunity to get rid of some of those wastes in a way that's proper and not harmful to the environment. And since the various recycling programs and things that the metropolitan area has done to help clean up the environment have proved to be very, very popular, and that people in the metropolitan area have been very careful about participating in those kinds of programs, I think this will be a tremendous boon to helping clean up the environment where we really haven't done much before. So I'd urge my colleagues to adopt this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kiel. Senator Hartnett, on the amendment.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I would call the question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: That won't be necessary, Senator Hartnett. Yours was the last light. Senator Beutler, do you wish to