## TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE Transcriber's Office FLOOR DEBATE

February 8, 2006 LB 776

SENATOR ENGEL: I think this is a double benefit, what they're doing there and then this is, of course,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ENGEL: ...more of a benefit where they're capturing that gas and using it for fuel conservation.

SENATOR PREISTER: And I would agree with that, Senator. The landfill in Sioux City is currently doing what, or what is Sioux City doing with it's land...yard waste?

SENATOR ENGEL: Well, they're doing the same thing. Right now, they're doing the same thing you're doing in Omaha. It's separated and it's...you know, for compost, et cetera; same system as they're using there. This is just changing the system so they can create more methane gas. Yeah.

SENATOR PREISTER: Okay. Thank you very much, Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. First of all, I want to thank Senator Engel for bringing this. I think it's a very good idea and I think this also needs to be expanded upon throughout the state of Nebraska, because I always look at, you know, one man's waste is another man's treasure. And this will really benefit, you know, of the yard waste problem and creating, you know, utilizing the methane gas to generate electricity. I think that's a very good idea. I know there's going to be a lot of problems to be worked out with this down the road as it becomes more utilized, but I think it takes people, you know, like that group, you know, to hopefully get some of those things ironed out. And I'm very supportive of this and I think we need to commend Senator Engel for bringing this and for the project. So I'm very supportive of it and I think we need to expand on that, just as we're trying and