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have to deal with.

SPEAKER MARVEL: (Gavel)

SENATOR DeCAMP: I am overwhelmed.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Will you please let the Speaker speak?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Finally with respect to the garbage tax because this issue has been raised repeatedly, check how most major metropolitan centers actually handle this particular problem. What is the most important thing of all fundamentally in Omaha? Before you start police or anything else, you have got to have a city you can at least live in sanitarywise. As a practical matter, there is a serious question as to whether a private collection system would work there even though it does work in cities like Lincoln. They are distinctly different. Finally on that same subject, we are talking \$3 million that might be raised from the garbage and thirty percent, thirty percent, Senator Chambers and others, thirty percent who would not by any study done, by any reasonable measures even be able to afford to pay the garbage tax. Now to Senator Chambers and the others who are concerned about the poor, by golly, here is one of the most direct things where you can do something and that is simply clean up the garbage which is the system they have. You are not going to have that if you change the system now here today. I realize this is a tough issue. It has been here before. Hopefully we will get it completely resolved one of these days but on March 23rd at 4:20 in the afternoon, whether you hate Johnnie or love Ernie, whether you think Loran Schmit is right or wrong, whether you think Marge has legitimate arguments even though she wasn't here for the previous four years of debate on this subject and the issues in depth, I would suggest we advance the bill off General File. You have heard that before, haven't you?

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I would suggest you advance the bill off General File and we do take the temperature of the water and see the mood and see what we do next on Select File. Even if you may have reluctance ultimately to vote for it, it is time to at least get this issue moving. So I urge you to advance the bill, and, Mr. President, because my little cursory count has indicated we might be a trifle close on votes or even short, I would ask for a Call of the House and probably are going to have to resort to a roll call vote, and maybe a prayer, although...