

the event I'm the chairman. If not, well they will have to take their chances, but to my knowledge, those who have shown an interest to me in this question are committed to this course of action of study and of possible refinement next session by legislation and it is as good faith an attempt as I can make to bring disparate groups together, including Senators Beyer and Senators Labeledz who have been on opposite sides and yet you will find their cosignatures on the amendment. I move its adoption.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Senator Clark. I just wanted to explain the letter that I sent out to you, incidentally not paid by public expense or at public expense, from a constituent who was concerned about this amendment. There has been a flurry of conversation and discussion about this amendment and, indeed, the compromise was to settle for a delayed operative date of this particular section and I hope that Senator Landis and the committee in their interim study will look closely at this issue and come to a satisfactory conclusion for everyone. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I'm as familiar with SIDs as anyone else in this body. I served on the Urban Affairs Committee myself for a few years. I have tried to work with them. In fact I brought bills in here to try and help a couple of them. I want you to know what is happening by the amendment that we just adopted which was LB 939. That a group of people can wake up in the next six months and be out of business who have been in that business a long time and they are not called trash haulers, they are called sanitation people. I've lived in a small town and I also know what it is to go to contract bids for urban sanitation removal because I have served on the city council for eight years and I know what can happen. Certainly when you go to contract, it always looks great. You bring in this outfit out of Chicago or wherever they might come from and suddenly they are going to give you the greatest business you've ever seen in your lifetime and all of a sudden that business once they get the contract it starts to diminish. Then the next thing you know they want to reopen the contract one more time and next year you are bidding again. As this letter states it isn't just those of us who can afford it, it is many times the small people who can't afford it. But let me tell you something about Omaha. It is interesting, isn't it, that Omaha gets their sanitation removal free of charge but we pass sales tax for those people who get it free of charge. I live in Ralston. We pay for it right out of our own bank every month. So I am a little concerned that suddenly here is an organization that