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approval of the city council and the mayor, and also allows the City of Omaha to contract with the Metropolitan Utility District for the billing of such a fee. And I would simply encourage the body now to move along and allow for the language in LB 1008 to be amended into the bill to put into statute the specific language that will take care of a city of a metropolitan class, and allow the City of Omaha, pending the approval of an election of the public, as the bill currently stands, to have the language in the statutes to implement what other communities in the state do, and therefore would recommend that you adopt the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Horgan. Before I go to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests to the Legislature today. They are guests of Senator Lowell Johnson. There are 34 first through sixth graders from Ames School in Ames, Nebraska and their teachers. They're in the south balcony. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, excuse me, and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Horgan a question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Horgan, would you respond, please.

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Horgan, you said with your amendment you're asking that Omaha be allowed to do what all of the cities in the state are doing or can do, which did you say?

SENATOR HORGAN: That they are allowed to do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me ask you this question, are there any other cities in the state which let the contract for the collection of their garbage and refuse and charge a fee for it?

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes, there are, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that...how is that fee collected by those cities who do that?

SENATOR HORGAN: I don't know, Senator.