

Natural Resources Committee to General File with committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Chairman Schmit, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, the committee amendments to Senator Hefner's bill really have not changed the bill very much based upon the most recent amendments I have seen here that Senator Hefner will offer as amendments to the committee amendments. But I will briefly go through the amendments and explain to you what they do. The first portion of the committee amendments clarifies the definition of recyclable. Secondly, allows for the sale of nondegradable bags for groceries, linens, shopping, trash, rubbish, solid waste or point of sale packaging while it prohibits the sale of such bags for grass clippings and garbage, yard waste and leaves on or after January 1, 1992. And then, three, it eliminates the prohibition on sale of nondegradable personal hygiene and health care products and food containers sold at retail on or after January 1, 1993. Mr. President, LB 325 is a bill which has a lot of sympathy within the Natural Resources Committee. We have a lot of support for the bill. If you will note, the people who testified in support of it, there was some concern about those who opposed the bill. We have tried to meet those concerns, address those concerns with the committee amendments. And, as I said, there are some amendments to the committee amendments being proposed and we will have a chance to discuss those in just a little while but I do not have much objection to those, with one exception, and I will point that out to you a little later on. I would be glad to answer any questions that might be asked of the members on the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Amendment on the desk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hefner would move to amend the committee amendments. Senator, I have before me amendment 1349.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. Mr. President and members of the body, this is amendment 1349. This amendment was handed out to you. It's in the white copy and I will try to explain it to you. This is an amendment to the committee amendment. (The Hefner amendment appears on pages 1665-66 of the Legislative Journal.)