

It strikes all the amendments in the original sections of the bill. The committee amendment eliminates bags used for groceries and shopping. This amendment adds them back in with the provision that they be biodegradable, photodegradable or recyclable. I passed one of these bags out to you a little earlier. This is from a supermarket that's using them at the present time. It is a biodegradable bill bag. It's nonleaching in landfills. It's nontoxic when incinerated. It degrades in sunlight so it would be photodegradable. It meets FDA requirements and it uses water-based inks. And this is a problem that we had with some of the inks before. Okay, then the second part says, and I will go back to the committee amendment, it allows bags for grass clippings, garbage, yard waste or leaves to be recyclable, in addition to being biodegradable or photodegradable. This amendment takes out recyclable, mandating that the bags be biodegradable or photodegradable. Then the last part, the committee amendment strikes the disposable diapers, disposable personal care products and food containers. This amendment adds diapers back in with the stipulations on availability and price. The committee amendment leaves out other health care products and I do not want to put other health care products back in because I said when I introduced this bill, and we had a public hearing, that I didn't want to put anybody out of business. And some of these hospitals are having a rough time of it, especially the small rural hospitals, and so we don't want to add any more to those problems and so we will leave out the health care products. Also, it leaves out food containers and I have chosen not to add that back in, but I would just like to read part of that amendment about the diapers. On or after January 1, 1993, a person shall not sell or offer for sale at retail any disposable diaper which is constructed of a material which is not biodegradable or photodegradable if the Director of Environmental Control determines that biodegradable or photodegradable disposable diapers are readily available at a comparable price and quality. The Director shall issue his or her determination to the Legislature on or before October 1, 1992. For the purposes of this section, readily available shall mean available for purchase in sufficient quantities to meet demand through usual retail channels throughout the state and comparable price and quality shall mean at a cost not in excess of 5 percent above the average price for the products of comparable quality which are not biodegradable or photodegradable. I have right here in my hand and I also handed out a handout that says that one company is producing these