

portions of the bill that he and his staff did take them back and rework them and at the present time his version of the amendment, for example, relative to grocery bags and shopping bags is perfectly amenable to myself and I believe to all members of the committee. We have gone through the rest of the amendments. I think one of the most desirable portions of the bill and of the amendment is the portion that refers to the rings holding the beverage containers together, states that they shall be biodegradable or photodegradable. I think that's important. I think also the portion that refers to the bags that are used for grass clippings, yard waste, etcetera, shall be biodegradable or photodegradable. He has dropped the provision relative to recyclable. I think that those amendments are all acceptable to us and certainly leave the original bill, 325, virtually intact and I think, very frankly, improved from its original version. And, as Senator Hefner has indicated, he was not interested in putting them out of business, did not want to disrupt the marketplace. I think that the amendments as he has proposed them, with the exception of 11, will go a long way toward accomplishing some really effective recycling and reusable and the use of biodegradable products. And I would recommend that those amendments be adopted in that form as an amendment to the committee amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the divided question. Senator Haberman, would you care to discuss the first part of the divided question, followed by Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, as I understand it, Section 11 that we're debating has to do with disposable diapers. Is that correct?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: And Senator Schmit wants to take that out?

SPEAKER BARRETT: It has been removed. That's the second part of the division.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, Tim Hall came up to me the other day and he said, Rex, he said, how do you feel about this disposable diaper issue? I said, disposable diaper, are you talking about those diapers that you hold out, they are about that big and you put them in the pot with a lid on it and let them soak for a while and then you take