

April 12, 1989

LB 325

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Hefner, would you care to close on the divided question?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, just a few brief comments and this is on the first part of the divided question. This deals with the plastic bags used for groceries and shopping and it would add the word "recyclable" in there, plus "biodegradable and photodegradable". On the second part of that it deals with our garbage bags, our grass clipping bags and our leaf bags and it would say...it would take out "recyclable" because it's real hard to recycle those and it would mandate that these bags be biodegradable or photodegradable. I feel that this is a reasonable amendment and would urge your support on this part of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the first part of the Hefner amendment to the committee amendments to LB 325. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the first portion of Senator Hefner's amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The motion prevails. Back to Section 11 of AM1349. Senator Hefner. (The second part of Senator Hefner's amendment appears on page 1670 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, this is the second part of the amendment and it takes care of the photodegradable disposable diapers. It says that by January 1, 1993 that no person shall sell or offer for sale at retail any disposable diaper which is constructed of material that is not degradable. And it says if the Director of Environmental Control determines that the biodegradable or photodegradable disposable diapers are not readily available at a comparable price and quality, then the director has the right to say that these retail establishments or these persons shall not have to offer them for sale. I think this is a reasonable time. This amendment was initially agreed by everybody but a little later some of the opposition said they couldn't live with it. But the reason that I would like to have degradable disposable diapers in the bill is because they represent a lot of the waste that is