

going into our landfill. I just feel that we need to take a step, we need to nudge these manufacturers to start producing those. Like I said in my opening remarks, we do have a company in Colorado and I believe there is other companies that have developed them that are producing them and when they get into mass production there will be more of these degradable diapers available. And so I would just urge you to vote for this and if you have any questions, I would be real happy to answer them for you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on Section 11 of Senator Hefner's amendment. Senator Morrissey, would you care to discuss it? Followed by Senator Moore.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I would like to thank Senator Hefner for bringing this bill to the Legislature as a bill I had initially looked at the concept to bring this year and found out that Senator Hefner had already done all the hard work on it and I would like to thank him for that. It's something I am very interested in. I definitely think this is the direction the state needs to take on mandating what the future products will look like in this state. We all know of the problem with waste disposal. We all know that biodegradable is the wave of the future. Plastics, as opposed to being the answer to the future, has now become a large problem. As...I would urge your support of Section 11 because the biodegradable diapers, as Senator Hefner said, is a large part of the volume in our landfills at the present time. Personally, I don't think this bill goes far enough and I think we should have gone farther but I am willing to go with it as it is to get started and let the people know, let the manufacturers know that if they want to sell products in the State of Nebraska, they will be working toward this end. As far as eliminating Section 11, I can see no argument in favor of eliminating biodegradable diapers just so Kimberly-Clark or Procter and Gamble can have the time to catch up with the small company in Colorado that is presently producing these diapers. I say that if those companies want to sell diapers in Nebraska, we let them know that by in 1993 they better be ready and that 1993 is plenty of time for them to develop the technology. I don't think we need to offer them any concessions because the product is now available. It's over on the table if you want to go look at it, it's there, and I can see no argument whatsoever for eliminating diapers, especially in light of the large volume of the waste that they produce. I would support Section 11,