

support the bill. And, again, I say I don't think we're going far enough with it but I say let's get started on it and address it in the future and let everyone know that if they want to sell their products in this state, that they will be responsible for the waste that their products produce and the degradability of those products. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore, followed by Senators Wesely and Abboud.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and members, I rise to oppose Section 11 of the Hefner amendment, though I'm not a father yet and I someday may be and I guess I want to preserve the right to use disposable diapers if I so choose at some point in my life. And so, for that reason alone, I guess I rise to oppose the amendment. But one quick question I have of Senator Hefner on your facts and figures. You talk about 5 million tons of dirty diapers being buried throughout the United States every year? Didn't you say that in your opening, Senator Hefner?

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes.

SENATOR MOORE: That 5 million tons, is that before or after? What tonnage are you talking about there?

SENATOR HEFNER: I don't know. This report just gave the tonnage.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, regardless of that...

SENATOR HEFNER: And that was by weight not by volume.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay. On a more serious note though, I understand what you're trying to do, Senator Hefner, but are you aware of any state that is doing quite...going to this extent to try and encourage the private companies to make just biodegradable diapers, just...are we treading on new ground with this?

SENATOR HEFNER: I don't know of any states that have this. There's a lot of states that have banned certain plastic products.

SENATOR MOORE: You're not aware of any other state that has put it into statute...and I understand where you're putting it a few