

years out so we...the companies have time to catch up if they're not already there, but, to your knowledge, no other state has a law on the books similar to what you're trying to put on the books in regard to diapers?

SENATOR HEFNER: I don't know of any other state but I do know that several cities now are banning...

SENATOR MOORE: They're banning plastic products but none...

SENATOR HEFNER: ...plastic products, yes.

SENATOR MOORE: ...none...I mean, there's a lot of like your fast food wrappers and things like that, but you're not aware of any city ordinance that ban...goes as far as banning diapers?

SENATOR HEFNER: It just says they ban certain plastic products.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay. As I said, I rise to oppose Senator Hefner's amendment, and for a variety of reasons, the one...it's one of those things, I may, like I say, sound like Senator Hefner when I make this argument because Senator Hefner is often the one that says that...talks about free enterprise and letting industry catch up with what the mood of the people is but it's usually Senator Hefner that wants to do that. He's not usually the one that wants to use big government to put the hammer on people and I guess I'm kind of surprised that Senator Hefner wants to do this in this fashion. It's kind of out of Senator Hefner's character even though I do laud his efforts in this area. The fact of the matter is that if you adopt Section 11 of this bill, Nebraska will become the...to my knowledge, at least, will become the only state to actually ban these type of diapers. And I know, I fully understand what Senator Hefner is doing but I think the Legislature is going a little too far when we say put in statute that you cannot sell anything but a disposable diaper in this state that is biodegradable because you're limiting competition, for one, that's an argument that Senator Hefner usually makes. I don't want to use it to make it but I think it's going a little too far by putting that particular item in statute. And, for that reason, I would oppose Section 11 of this bill and urge the body to do so and remind them that if for whatever reason you would adopt Section 11, Nebraska would become the first state and, as far as we know, the first city of any...the first ordinance of any kind that totally bans these diapers. I don't think that's