

something Nebraska wants to be known for.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Senator Wesely.

**SENATOR WESELY:** Mr. Speaker and members, I rise as an expert on the issue of diapers and have spent a great deal of time working with them in the last few months as both the five-year-old...my five-year-old daughter just had a birthday yesterday. She, of course, has been out of diapers for some time but I had that initial experience and since have had a second baby who is now five months old. Let me assure you that I do not want to return to the olden days, perhaps, of Senator Haberman, ooh, that came out wrong. No, it didn't. But he discussed the old methods of handling that problem and the practices involved and I certainly do not want to go back to those days. I do, however, rise with a great deal of feeling of guilt because it is a convenient thing to use disposable diapers. It is, I think, far and away the practice used by most people my age with children. It is not something we're going to turn back the clock on and the better course of action is to take Senator Hefner's initiative and I applaud him for it, set a time line off in the distance and tell those manufacturers of disposable diapers we don't want them to continue to clutter up our landfills, not be biodegradable and to cause future generations problems, that we think it's inappropriate and irresponsible for those companies to not act on this issue. You know, we got into these battles before about, oh, pop tops, if you remember, they had the pop tops on pop cans and they took them and then they flipped them off and they went into the screens and the gutters and the lawns and across the state and we had legislation that said that we wanted them to be the kind that stay on the can, which Senator Landis has an example of right in front of us. They came up with that with an amendment...with a bill, I can't remember who the senator was, that now you can open them and it stays on the can, as Senator Landis is demonstrating for all of you, and we're able now to not have litter from pop tops on pop cans. That came about when the industry was opposing that bill. We pushed the bill forward and they came back and said, you know what, I think we could come up with a solution to this problem but it takes leadership, it takes vision and it takes action on this Legislature's part and other Legislatures' part to stop this problem from continuing. I think, clearly, we send a message and it's a message that will be heard and, hopefully, followed by other states. And I, for one, would like to see this deadline placed off in the distance, a goal set and