

bury it beneath the earth. Now this isn't probably going to be the most important issue that we're going to be debating here as far as constituents are concerned but I feel it's going to be an important issue that...for the future of those babies that we're talking about. It's an issue, I think, that's important to us not only environmentally but also from a farmer's perspective it will lead to higher corn prices. And, with that, I would like to ask Senator Hefner if he would yield to a question. Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Hefner, what will be the result of using corn in these products? Will we see higher corn prices as a result of disposable diapers?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Aboud, I would hope so. It's been estimated that there would be around 300 million bushels of corn used if we go from just regular plastic to degradable plastics.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you.

SENATOR HEFNER: And I've seen other figures like that too but they also said it could raise the corn price some. I don't know what amount, maybe 10 or 20 cents a gallon.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you.

SENATOR HEFNER: Or not a gallon but a bushel.

SENATOR ABOUD: I think this is really a no-lose situation as far as with this particular bill. We have a problem. It isn't a problem that's easily noticed by the general public but it is a problem and the solution to the problem will lead to more economic prosperity for the farmers across this state. And I would be very proud to be the very first state to enact a law like this which will help to increase corn prices for our farmers and in turn will increase the amount of economic prosperity for the state. Let's be at the forefront of this issue environmentally and I think that other states will soon follow. I urge the rejection of the Schmit amendment. I urge the adoption of this particular amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Rod Johnson, please.