

SPEAKER BARRETT: About a minute and a half, Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Rod Johnson, I hope that you're not requesting that I go out and try to find a child to try out those diapers with. I'm deeply concerned about tough laws and biodegradability. And, certainly, through some of the studies that we have had with low level waste disposal and so on it's come to my attention that there is a strong need for legislation on all types of disposal and particularly solid waste disposal and biodegradability is just one phase of that. However, I don't think that the 49 of us ought to be sitting here on a day to day basis deciding what goes into a landfill and what shouldn't because the next day we will debate a whole other issue, whether it's diapers one day or toothpaste tubes the next day, or colored toilet paper, or whatever.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I think that those are properly done through administrative hearings where we have the chance to sit down and look at the whole procedure and not make those legislative debates item by item what should go into a landfill, what shouldn't, those things should be done as a matter of course for administrative hearings and the Department of Environmental Control are the people that ought to be looking at this instead of us on the floor of the Legislature. I commend you, the sponsors of this bill, biodegradability is the way of the future. Let's keep it that way. Let's have a broad approach and a framework but not get bogged down in the diaper disputes. I mean, this is what gives us a bad image if we sit and start talking about piece by piece of what we're going to sell and what we're not and what's going to go to a dump and what's not going to go in and I guess I would urge us to frame these sorts of bills to give us some guidance and administrative procedure so they can study the technology, so they can study what the wave of the future is going to be...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...and do it in a logical way and not piece by piece on the floor of the Legislature. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner. Thank you. Senator Schellpeper. Senator Schellpeper moves the previous question.