

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I would like to have asked for a call of the house and a roll call vote on that amendment. I just think that sometimes...but I didn't do it because I think that sometimes, as we have said many times on this floor, you have to learn to live with what you've got. It's easy to talk about, you know, let's do something for the environment. It's easy to talk about let's do it now, let's get in a big hurry. Let me report...repeat again, I believe it's illegal to take a disposable diaper to the dump, in plain language. Do you want to expose your sanitation workers to that sort of material? I don't think so. You're talking about something you don't know a damn thing about. You are hauling things to the dump which don't belong there. Now that's fine with me if you want to do it. I have had more experience with diapers than most of you in this room and more than Senator Morrissey and a number of others all put together and I really don't care what you do with the thing because, as I have seen it happen many times, we have spent most of this session so far correcting mistakes from '87, '88 and maybe even as far back as '86. So if you want to come back after a while and correct the problem, that's fine with me. Number two, there are portions of the disposable diaper, when they break down, which in themselves may find...you may find in the water supply, the underground aquifers, which are much more detrimental than the plastic itself. And so you ought to learn a little bit about what you're talking about. We get a bunch of instant experts on the floor relative to diapers and most of them, like myself, haven't ever touched one and aren't probably going to do it, and so we have a lot of solutions. Makes no difference to me, ladies and gentlemen, I commend Senator Hefner for his interest and I commend him for his latent support of mandating use of gasohol but he opposed me on this floor for 10 or 15 years on that same issue. I'm glad he's seen the light. When you get that brilliant all at once though then it carries over into diapers and sometimes I wonder how much we know about it. I really think this, that the issue is not going to bother us too much, an issue that is so important ought not to have to wait until 1992. I would suggest that we have an amendment on Select File to make it 1990. If it's going to be good, why wait? We've got the stuff right here that says they're available right now. And so I'm going to offer an amendment on Select File that we bring them in on 1990 and I hope that we have that much enthusiastic support for that amendment. I would hope that you would take a look at these things. We talked about the pop top cans, and so