

that, having to put that language in there?

SENATOR HEFNER: Well, when I...when I met with them this morning, I told them that I didn't want the degradable diaper on any different terms than the nondegradable diapers and this is the reason we put that wording in.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Oh, that's all...okay, all disposable diapers. Okay. Well...

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes, if I may, this would...

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Go ahead.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...treat all disposable diapers the same way, whether they were degradable or nondegradable.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Well, I guess I always said all along that I didn't think we were going quite far enough. I would hate to hamper the bill in any way so I guess this amendment is kind of all right. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Elmer, please, followed by Senator Hall.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Looking at the amendment that Senator Hefner has offered, saying the determination of quality shall include a study of the environmental impact and fate of such disposable diapers, addresses one concern that I have had about the whole biodegradable plastic issue. That is if you put a 100-pound block of plastic in the ground that's not biodegradable and you put a 100 pounds of plastic in the ground that is biodegradable and the biodegradable degrades into many small, tiny even molecular size pieces of polyurethane and polyethylene, how is that going to compare with this big block of plastic that's not? And this will address that. I wholeheartedly support this amendment and the passage of the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President. If Senator Hefner would respond to a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner, would you respond?