

and I'm going to call for the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, that will not be necessary, yours was the last light. Senator Hefner, would you care to make a closing statement on your amendment?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I certainly would like to make a closing statement. I really don't know where we're coming from here. All my amendment says that styrofoam cups would be banned until we come up with a degradable styrofoam. I don't think that's all bad because we certainly can use the cups we're using or we can use paper cups or we can use other things. I mean, why do we need to use styrofoam? Styrofoam is causing a lot of problems in our landfill because it is not degradable and I'm not saying that degradable styrofoam is going to answer all the questions, Senator Chambers. But in the bill, LB 993, and I'm taking on the big boys, I'm taking on Big Mac, I'm taking on Wendys, I'm taking on Burger King, but I think it's time that we say that we need to do something. By the same time, we can also help our farmers. Agriculture is our number one industry in Nebraska so why shouldn't we try to help them? And in my bill, LB 993, and I don't wish to cover that too much, but I say in there degradable, recyclable or returnable. And in talking to some of the landfill operators and in talking to some of the people that are recycling garbage, separating it and like that, they say it makes no difference whether this plastic is degradable or not. It is still recyclable, reusable and so I think this is a wonderful opportunity for us. Scott Moore, I think you're absolutely wrong if you want to defeat my amendment because what this would do, it says that we ban styrofoam cups until we have a degradable styrofoam. And so I would just urge you to support this amendment to the resolution and then support the resolution. I think it's time that the Legislature set an example, try to solve some of our problems, and I think this is one way we can do it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You've heard the closing and the question is the adoption of the Hefner amendment to LR 231. All in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Hefner's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Hefner amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk.