

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, I'll probably have to bring the Sergeant at arms in to take them away, no, I don't know, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what, the term "use", use for what? You can't have a styrofoam cup to put pencils in? Or to put candy in?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: No. That's correct, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then why don't they say possession?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I don't know...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why don't we ban possession of it? Because with drugs, you possess it with the intent to deliver and they get you. They don't get you for using it. They might get you if you're driving a car under the influence, but they don't arrest somebody because they used marijuana and a test shows you've got it on your breath. So why don't we make a possession law and make it against the Legislature's policy to possess styrofoam either for use or delivery or any purpose? With Senator Hefner's talk about these degradable products, it's clear again that he's interested in the economic advantage that can rebound to farmers if corn products are used in place of plastics and I think he makes no bones about that. Senator Hefner is not known as an environmentalist and I'm sure he would not dream of a bill to stop the use of certain harmful chemicals in farming operations. No, because that impacts on how much money is going to be made, so we have to call these things what they are and if you enact this, then I'm going to bring a styrofoam cup on my desk and if somebody puts their hands on me, then they are going to see me respond to a challenge. I'm more offended by people who blow smoke around me than I am by somebody using a styrofoam cup, and does that stop it? No. Does that stop us from trying...do we stop smoking so we won't give the wrong message to the children? No. The drinking? No. I'm going to vote against the resolution because, despite Senator Johnson's reason for bringing it, the resolution itself and the Legislature's endorsement of it is not going to do anything of significance, period. We're not like a coffee club or a neighborhood organization which has to try to influence legislation. We are the legislators. And by the way, somebody told me that Burger King uses all paper, so if I had indicated that they used styrofoam, I was in error. Burger King uses