

paper already, but the part about what some of the products taste like, I don't change that. After this resolution passes, which I'm sure it will do...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What about all the glass that is taken to landfills and the tin cans and the bed springs and all these other objects that are not degradable in any way, under any circumstances? What about all that? Why doesn't the Legislature pass a resolution saying we will not use any products that wind up in a landfill that are not degradable, and then Senator Johnson can't use a glass cup or a ceramic cup to drink coffee in. Why don't we get rid of these metal microphones and the plastic ball-point pens and make everything be done with wooden pencils and require them to be used down to a half an inch of the eraser? Oh, and they can't have erasers because I don't know that the erasers are degradable. We take certain things, place a symbolic act and try to give the impression something has been done when, in effect, nothing of substance has occurred at all.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, this debate has biodegraded to a point where I'd like to move on as quickly as possible, but, you know, the issue at hand I think is not necessarily the health of the 49 members in this body and the staff and the Pages in this room, it happens to be the health of our planet and what we do to destroy that planet and I think that we're trying in a very inconsequential resolution to make a statement to the people of Nebraska that we are concerned about those things that are contaminating our groundwater, that are polluting the soil, that are going to be in those landfills for three to 500 years, and I guess I'm just simply at a point trying to say that it's time that we wake up to the fact that something has to be done. We have to change the attitude of the public. I think Ernie is right, Senator Chambers, I believe more needs to be done in the areas of recycling. That is, quite frankly, the best environmentally sound response to the pollution problem. Unfortunately, that takes a significant change in attitude and also in the methods in which we dispose of our waste. I would simply say this. I would ask that the body reject the Moore amendment because if you don't want to do anything this year, simply vote against the resolution. Then