

behavior as consumers which is a reasonable topic for us to talk about, and in the format of the Executive Board, not the floor of the Legislature.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Continue discussion on the Moore amendment, before recognizing Senator Hefner, the Chair is pleased to advise that Senator Hefner does have guests under the north balcony, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Gray, Sr. from Coleridge, Nebraska, who just happen to be the grandparents of one of our Pages, Scott Gray. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you. We're pleased to have you with us. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose Senator Moore's amendment because I don't see any reason to wait a year. We have these glass or crockery cups to use, so I see no reason to use the nondegradable styrofoam cups. I think Senator Johnson has pointed out a very important problem that we have. We have a problem in our landfills, we have a problem of disposing of these styrofoam cups, and so I think the Legislature should set an example. I don't see where it would create any hardship on anybody. Also, you can buy paper cups at the supermarket or at the grocery store or at a convenience store that will take care of, that will handle hot food or hot liquids. So I don't know what the problem. And, Senator Chambers, Senator Chambers, I was pushing using corn but you can use other materials too, like now some of the researchers are using potato peelings, potato peelings to make degradable plastic or degradable styrofoam. Also, you can use wheat and you can use other products, but the University of Nebraska chemists are using cornstarch and they have applied for a patent on degradable styrofoam and so I would just like to see the Legislature take a lead and saying to the people, we are serious, we want to do something about this problem, and this would be a good way to start. I just feel we ought to vote down Senator Moore's amendment and go ahead with Senator Johnson's resolution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, and to Senator Landis, you done it again, you have done it again. If a statement is to be made by the Legislature, it would be much better if it were one of substance of the kind that he mentioned. But I wouldn't want it to be limited to styrofoam