by Senator Schmit.

PRESIDENT: I don't see Senator Schmit at the moment, do you,
Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Senator Schmit, your amendment, Senator, is AM2115.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I would like to pull
both of those amendments at this time. As I indicated earlier,
I want to work with Senator Rod Johnson and Senator Morrissey
and Senator Beck and others and see if we can't work out those
amendments by Select File.   If we can save some time and
expedite the bill at this time, I believe it's in the best
interest of all concerned. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: All right.   Thank you. They are withdrawn at the
moment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hefner would move to amend the
bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, and members of the body, this
amendment is printed on...printed in the Journal on page 346.
What this would do is add a tax on disposable diapers, 10 cents
per dozen.   Remember last year when we were debating the
degradable disposable diapers and we passed that law? Now I
think it's time to add a tax on those that are not degradable.
This will hurry the process along.   This will say to those
manufacturers that we are serious in getting the degradable
disposable diapers marketed.   At the present time, there are
three companies that are marketing them.   Their sales are
growing by leaps and bounds. But I think that if we're going to
put a tax on tires, well, why not put it on diapers, because
diapers, especially the disposable diapers, constitute a huge
portion of our landfill. But this would put a rate of 10 cents
per dozen, and it would be collected by the Department of
Revenue and they would draw up the rules and regulations for
this. Okay, how much money will this raise? Well, I'm not an
expert on this, but the Department of Health reports that in
1938 there were 23,904 live resident births in the state.   And
then estimating that 18,400 of the infants use nondegradable
disposable diapers, that's less than...that's saying that
disposable diapers would be used on 80 percent of the total