

Scott Moore said, for one thing, is that the biodegradable diaper amendment has already been...or bill has already come and is in effect to become law in 1993 and I think we should look ahead to that, plus this adds another little piece of weight to LB 163 which I think we need to take a bigger look at the whole program. But I would like to point out some things to you about the diapers. In the first place, this particular amendment will hit the elderly and babies. Diapers, 66 the average package of baby diapers for infants, 66 to a package is around \$13. That will add...that's five dozen, according to the way I multiply and divide, that will add about 50 cents to that package. As you go down, as the diapers get bigger for bigger babies, then they are fewer in number in each package but the price is the same. So that adds each time another 40 cents, another 20 cents, however many are in the package. The elderly people who have an incontinence problem wear what...this one particular kind of protective device called Depends. Those are \$16 for a package. There's about, I think, 24 to a package. That would add 20 cents to that package. The other thing I'm quite sure of that most of...that all of these things you pay the regular sales tax because they're not grocery items, so most people buy them at the grocery store. I buy them at the grocery store when my grandchildren are here so I know how much they cost. So here we are hitting the people who...the most vulnerable people of our society, the elderly and the babies. The babies certainly can't come down here and...except you do see them on television running around in those cute little diapers and you think those ads are nice. So do I. But the elderly people, in particular, who live on fixed income, a lot of them live on Social Security which is quite often for a segment of our population right now is only two to three hundred dollars a month because they didn't make big salaries when they were working. So that is the big reason that I will resist this amendment and I hope that all of you will too. There is one other reason, we did have some statistics here about how cotton diapers that you wash and so on would cost a lot less, but people aren't...as a general rule, are not going to go back to that. So I urge you to vote against this amendment and strike a blow today for old people and babies. Thank you.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator. Before we go on to the next speaker, I would like to announce that Senator Beyer has 65 students from the Golden Hills and the Anderson Grove Elementary and they're all fourth graders, and their teachers, and they're in the south balcony. Please rise and be welcomed