

finding out now, when you get things into a landfill nothing degrades, whether it's biodegradable or photoeegradable. Photodegradable means that the sun makes it degrade. If it's buried in the ground, it doesn't get the sun so it really doesn't matter. If we're going to do this, let's do it and take...let's put all diapers in there and rather than just those that may ostensibly be photo...or biodegradable. I'm going to be voting against the amendment. With that, I guess, in the interest of time, I'm going to yield the remainder of my time to Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you. I can't resist the opportunity to put this in and I am going to vote against Senator Hefner's amendment. But I want to call your attention to an article I read in the Wall Street Journal within the last 60 days and it shows the height of hypocrisy on this issue and I really want to call the attention of the body that I think we've got to move forward on this. As I said, I'm going to vote against this amendment because I think it probably does not serve the purpose best of this particular area. But this article says, Priscilla Flattery is an environmental purist. She recycles newspapers and she spurns plastic bags at the supermarket. As a federal pollution prevention official, her work hours are devoted to educating the public on the ecological consequences of its actions. But when it comes to diapers for her two-year-old, Miss Flattery draws the line. Disposable diapers may be clogging landfills across the country but that's what she puts on Kevin. I have never even bought a cloth diaper. Her job is with the EPA. Another one says he is a project of the Natural Resources Defense Council, a senior environmentalist finding that all diapers have environmental costs. A simple ideological opposition to all disposables may not be productive. However, the scientist, Allen Hershkowitz, says his daughter wears mostly disposables. He reasons, I may be entitled to feel a little less guilty than other people who are using disposable or cloth for incurring an environmental impact because the fact is I routinely work to strengthen environmental laws and regulations. The point is we have here that are very purist on pesticides, many of the other pollutions that are occurring in our landfills but they, too, are using these. So I think as time goes along we have got to resolve this issue on the disposable diaper issue. As I said, I will not support Senator Hefner's at this time, but I think we have got to be working toward solving this