

young people drive cars, too. Poor people drive cars, so that is going to be an extra cost of driving cars. Well, if it is too costly for 10 cents a dozen on diapers, there are alternatives, and I want to discuss just a few. My amendment says if they are degradable disposable diapers, then the tax, we wouldn't have the tax on them, and degradable diapers are made from cornstarch, a product that we produce here in Nebraska, and it is a renewable source, whereas, the plastic diapers that are not...that are not degradable are made from petroleum products which is not a renewable source. Also, we import about 50 percent of our petroleum products from foreign countries. Well, if we use degradable diapers, we can put them in a compost pile at our landfill along with the grass clippings, along with the leaves, and like that. Some of the people say, well, degradable disposable diapers are too high priced, and I will admit they are, they are a trifle higher than the other diapers, than the other disposable diapers. But since sales are growing by leaps and bounds, their prices are becoming more competitive. At the present time, I believe we have three companies that are making these. I realize I am swimming upstream on this amendment because the big diaper companies are fighting it, the retail merchants are fighting it, but I think that we should set policy right here in this Chamber and not listen to these folks behind the glass doors. Also, in this bill, it says small retail businesses will be charged \$25 a year for the small ones, \$50 a year for the larger ones. So the small retail business will bear the brunt of this bill and I think we need to help them out just a little bit. Fifteen towns in northeast Nebraska are sending their trash to a recycling plant in Nebraska and I wonder what they are getting for their \$50. Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Rod Johnson a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Rod Johnson, like I said, I have 15 towns in northeast Nebraska that are sending their trash to Yankton, South Dakota, to a recycling plant, and most of these will have to pay the \$50, \$50 annual fee, what will they get for this \$50?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, they may not get anything out of it but that is, you know, part of helping...oh, I am sorry, the amendment that will be forthcoming will limit that to retail