

Nebraska, the United States of America, and the whole world, because we have become a throwaway society. The landfills are a blight on the whole world, and some way or another we need some kind of overall plan to recycle, to use up, and not throw everything away. During the Second World War, we certainly did that, and there were luxury taxes, all kinds of taxes that helped that effort and people did save, even saved animal grease from bacon and so on. I can't remember what they did with that but it was all essential. Surely we can go back to being a society that looks out for our own habitat and our environment, and I think that we need to look at an overall plan. I don't see, and I will go back to my original premise on the diaper tax. I can't see what just sticking a tax on these diapers right now is going to help the whole problem, and I know you have got a problem out on the fence rows and so on, and we can't hire enough trash cops to go out and watch every road in the State of Nebraska to be sure people aren't throwing trash, and there again, people who throw trash out of their cars and dump their trash on other people's property, some way or another, somewhere along the line, something is lacking in the way they think, and I don't know how you correct that. But we do have to have some kind of plan. The diaper tax hurts people who have new babies in particular because that would add 60 cents to a package of diapers. There are 66 diapers in the infant size diaper package and that would add 10 cents per dozen, and I still think there is five dozen or more there in a package, so that would add at least 60 cents to that package. Along with it, I will say, again, the elderly who have a continence problem, the diapers that they use, the Depends are very expensive. Senator Hefner is not listening, but I am going to make him listen right now because I look around this room at the white heads, you might have that problem yourself one of these days, and you are out there trying to buy those diapers and you are going to spend a lot more money because you put this 10 cent tax on. I am against it. I will vote against it. I will vote for a bill that will come out and try to solve the problem and not batten on the people who are the most vulnerable in our society, babies and old people. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Morrissey, please, followed by Senator Smith and Senator Hefner.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. I rise in opposition to Senator Hefner's amendment.