

box of disposable diapers to say 10 cents a dozen. And then a concern I have is that we are asking another single segment of the population to bear the cost of what we all consider to be an important concern. I totally agree with the comments that were made by Senator Schmit regarding the funding issue. I have said repeatedly in the Natural Resources Committee and on this floor that if this is a concern, that we, as the citizens of the State of Nebraska, feel needs to be addressed, and we all know it does have to be addressed, then we ought to be up front about the fact that this is something that all the citizens of the State of Nebraska will benefit by in the end, so all the citizens of the State of Nebraska should help to fund. I would be more supportive of just being up front and saying money from the General Fund to support the concern that we have about solid waste management and how we are disposing of it. I would just like to conclude briefly by saying that I certainly agree with the comments that you made also, Senator Crosby, and to tell the body that Senator Beck and myself are going to introduce an interim study resolution to the Natural Resources Committee, and I talked with you, Senator Hefner, about that, and we would want to include this as one of the things that we look at. We want to see the committee get up to speed on that whole issue of solid waste management, how we take care of disposing of products, biodegradable issue, the whole thing, and I can tell you that I have been receiving, and I am sure that some of you have, too, a number of invitations to participate in conferences, various conferences, one in a four-state area which includes Nebraska, one in Omaha coming up shortly, a number of other ones. So this is an issue that not just Nebraska is grappling with. It is an issue that many states are concerned about. I would like to see us handle this in a responsible way instead of coming in and pecking away at one little segment of it, and asking one part of our population to fund the concern that we all bear. So with that I will tell you that I will not support this amendment, and I am making it public that we are going to be introducing an interim study resolution, either as the Natural Resources Committee, if they will accept that. If not, Senator Sharon Beck and I will introduce that as senators and will ask it to be referenced to the proper committee for study, and I would like to see an in-depth study. I would like to see Senator Sharon Beck and myself be a part of that group that studies that issue because I want to make sure that we just don't do it in a performatory manner and then say in the fall, well, we'll forget that, and now we'll go on pecking away at it again. I want to see a resolution for this, and I would ask