

and hope that the bill will advance today.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Mr. Clerk, do you have an amendment to the committee amendments?

**CLERK:** Mr. President, Senator Ashford would move to amend the committee amendments. (The Ashford amendment appears on page 2462 of the Legislative Journal.)

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Senator Ashford.

**SENATOR ASHFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I have an amendment to the committee amendments which follows up a little bit with what Senator Johnson was saying. First of all, the issue of disposable and biodegrade...or biodegradable and compostable diapers was debated by this body when we passed the current legislation. And, at that point, I know I and others raised some concern about whether or not these types of diapers even with the cornstarch added would be, in fact, biodegradable and there still is an issue as to whether or not they really are actually biodegradable and the immensity of the problem of plastic diapers in our society or especially in Nebraska is amazing. Some of the numbers, I know, that were discussed the last time that we discussed this bill were that estimated 192 million human waste filled diapers each year are placed into the...are utilized in the State of Nebraska. Approximately 48,000 tons of waste are generated in the State of Nebraska. And that, obviously, is a big concern as we look at the issue of recycling and solid waste. I know Senator Morrissey has done a lot of work in that area and probably will add something to this, hopefully. My amendment simply states, reflecting what Senator Johnson said, is that...and there's been some concerns amongst other states by Procter and Gamble, some of the advertising that Procter and Gamble has done about their composting of diapers. There have been...I know the Attorney General of New York has recently filed a charge against Procter and Gamble for making certain representations about the compostability of diapers and I believe that charge is pending in New York and in other states. What my amendment does is says, fine; well, the bill says may be compostable. That's what the bill says. What my bill...what my amendment says, fine, we'll accept the fact that composting is a good process and Senator Johnson, I think, adequately stated that and I agree with him. But what we're saying is, all right, let's call Procter and Gamble to task here and simply say, and other