

companies, provided that such facility is located in the State of Nebraska. Simply by putting the word "compostable" in the bill we're somehow making people feel good about this product and that if they use this product, they're...it's going to be compostable and it's going to all go away and fly into the atmosphere and we'll never hear about it again. The fact of the matter is that this product is not compostable and until we have a plant in Nebraska that can do that type of work then, quite frankly, saying may be compostable is not going to do anything to solve the environmental problem that is raised by this...these...this issue. So to summarize, my amendment very simply says that you can use the word "compostable" provided that such a facility is located in the State of Nebraska, such a composting plant which is not now located. Senator Johnson was correct and raised the issue accurately and that is that these are significantly expensive plants to build. There are only a few of them in the country and it would be a significant cost to the state and to the communities that wish to do this. And, primarily, these composting plants, when they are built, are built near urban areas so the problem of transportation is an important problem. How do we transport these diapers to these composting plants? I suppose that can all be worked out. But I would feel much more comfortable about a bill being amended in this form if we all knew what we were talking about, number one, what is compostable? And I think maybe Senator Morrissey can talk about that. And, number two, just by using the word "compostable", even though there may be a little cornstarch in the product does not necessarily mean that these diapers are going to somehow disappear into the atmosphere, that it takes a very lengthy involved process to compost especially diapers. Now there is another issue that maybe Senator Morrissey can talk about and that is composting does work beneficially for certain types of products like...or certain types of waste such as lawn cuttings and that sort of thing. There is some question raised as to whether or not these diapers can even be composted correctly. But I just raise these concerns that I have about the process, somewhat the same concerns that were raised with Senator Hefner's bill. I think Senator Hefner brought a good bill to the Legislature. I have some concerns as to whether or not these diapers are even biodegradable but I think it certainly was good. But moving in the compostability claim, it's going to allow the company to make these representations that this product is compostable but in Nebraska they aren't going to be composted. So we're not really solving our environmental problem and that gives me some concern. Thank