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SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. We will...I have a list of speakers, then I will check to see if you wish to speak to the Ashford amendment to the committee amendments. Senator Smith. Senator Hefner, to the Ashford amendment. Senator Crosby, to the Ashford amendment. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I would rise to support Senator Ashford's amendment. First of all, again it's a matter of timing. I think the state would be better off if we did not address this bill for one year because of incentives. I signed on with Senator Hefner on the biodegradable and worked with him on that and then after we got it passed I was unsure of what we had done, whether we did anything good or whether we did something harmful. But, as the technology continues to evolve, I think we may have done something good. I'm still not convinced we have yet but immediately Procter and Gamble and Kimberly-Clark started pouring money into looking at their degradable...or their disposable diapers. Now whether we had any effect on that or not I have no idea. It could have been a coincidence and maybe they were putting a lot of money into this before and they just weren't telling anyone about it. But their...you could definitely see the visibility of their studies and the money being put into this issue after we passed our bill. So I think we need to continue that incentive to these diaper companies, continue the incentive to our Corn Growers Association. And I think to do this bill now at this time is a disincentive to the plastics people and does not do our corn people any good. Our corn people will continue to study the issue. They will spend their money to study the issue because, for one thing, the defense department is going to call for a ban on disposing of certain types of plastics in oceans. The navy has got a big problem with tossing plastic out in the ocean. They will spend money in this area. The corn people will do that. But it's my feeling that under our current definition of biodegradable or compostable, excuse me, that Kimberly-Clark and Procter and Gamble will have no further incentive, that their existing diaper will fall under this definition. Now I tried hard in committee to get them to admit this and I couldn't do it. I couldn't get them on record to say this but if you want to read the committee transcript and then read this definition, you will see, in my opinion, that their current product will fall under this definition. Now compost...so thus we take away their