

SPEAKER BAACK: The next speaker is Senator Beutler. Senator Morrissey, did you wish to speak again?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, Senator Moore is right only not quite. He doesn't go all the way. There are two carts before the horse, folks. First of all, we shouldn't be spending time on this bill right now at all. The technology is not there. What we are doing is giving them a definition, in my opinion. If you want to read the definition, I read it to you and I'll read it again, and then I will read, if I can find all my papers here, the Procter and Gamble representative's definition. I asked him in committee. As I said, I tried to pin him down on this. "Compostable" shall mean materials, products or packaging capable of undergoing physical, chemical, or thermo or biological degradation. Gary Hyatt of Procter and Gamble: "Well, let's see, physical degradation, tearing a piece of paper into small pieces is physical degradation." They can do that with their product now. You simply reduce the size of the pieces, he said. Goes on to say: Physical... "Thermo is when you set a match to a piece of paper. You've changed it chemically into carbon dioxide, carbon and whatever mineral content the tree had before it was made into paper, plus heat." We can burn it. We are giving them a definition that takes away their incentive to continue to study this issue. We need to leave the incentive there. We need to leave it there. We need to, at the very least, adopt something similar to Mister, excuse me, Senator Ashford's amendment because the purpose of this bill was touted as reducing the amount of product in the landfill. We will not accomplish that. We will not accomplish that. We need to leave the incentive there. My theory is we take it away completely with this bill, with this amendment, and this...and the plastic company's definition of "compostable". Again, \$28 million on a minimum population of 300,000 people, where is that going to happen? And if you move out in the country to do it, you have to import garbage product to make the facility viable. We don't want to do this now. We shouldn't be talking about it now. We need to basically adopt this amendment, bracket the bill, not pass the bill, something. Push it back till next year. Make the plastic companies continue to commit, to continue to commit. They said, one of the representatives of their Packaging Council, I believe, said one way not to give us incentives is to legislate mandates. That's what we're doing here and all of a sudden that is an incentive, to legislate a mandate. Take it out. Don't pass the bill. Let's bracket it or something so they continue to have their incentive to put the