

money into this issue to do what needs to be done. Composting is a viable option in the future. We're not there yet. Biodegradability is a viable option in the future, especially when you tie it into composting because the biodegradables, nothing degrades in an anaerobic situation--a landfill, no air. Composting situation is aerobic. They're mixing it. They're turning it. They're churning it. Air is available. They will degrade. The biodegradables will degrade in a much better fashion there. Still, then you get down to how big is a molecule of plastic that's left and what can and cannot eat it to turn it into a completely biological material. But we're talking dirt-like, humus-like, little pieces of plastics that we want to strew all over the countryside. Now, if that's the thing you are comfortable with doing right now, pass the bill. If you want to take away their incentive to continue studying this issue, I say pass the bill. If you want to do it right, make the plastics industry keep looking and looking hard, let's...if Nebraska's going to force the issue, let's force them. Let's put the pressure on them. We have already small business people...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...out there trying to do the business of real diapers. They're working hard. They are there. That is economic development on a small scale, one and two and three and five people at a time. That's where we have to head. Hopefully, something like this may come into the state, but, again, some of the consequences are questionable if you're looking at importing product to support it. I think the facility in Council Bluffs, Senator Pirsch, is probably a low-tech facility, which is just yard waste, et cetera. These are very high-tech facilities, high-tech facilities. Takes a lot of cash and a lot of product to make them viable. I say let's support Senator Ashford's amendment because unless we do we're not accomplishing the purpose of the bill and the purpose of...one of the main thrusts of our solid waste interests in this state to reduce volume and to reduce the volume going into the landfill. We will not accomplish it with this bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: I would urge you to support Senator Ashford's amendment and then we'll take a look at a bracket motion.