

maybe 25 miles within the border or something along that line so that, if it is readily accessible to Nebraskans, it could be operated, and I think that was her point and she made a good one. But I think we ought to adopt Senator Ashford's. I can probably be supportive of the bill if we adopt Senator Ashford's amendment to it so that at least we have some sort of standard of what "compostability" is. Maybe another thing we ought to do is talk about defining or giving somebody the authority to make a determination of what is compostable and what isn't, other than us just saying can be composed in a solid waste composting facility. We don't know what that is and if we're going to do this, I think what we ought to do is, if you're not going to support Senator Ashford's amendment, what we ought to do is amend it so it flat out repeals the earlier bill and we don't go through this charade of pretending like we're doing something when we're not.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Withem. The next speaker, Senator Dierks.

**SENATOR DIERKS:** Mr. Speaker, I respectfully call the question.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Debate has ceased. Senator Ashford, would you like to close on your amendment?

**SENATOR ASHFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I'd like to make a couple of introductory comments. First of all, I have a lot of respect for what Senator Rod Johnson has done in this area and I, when I brought this amendment, was not necessarily adversary to him. I think he's made some good points and one of the...and the second point I would make I guess is that this bill was brought to us at this time in the session. The fact that I may have an amendment to it, I really feel somewhat slighted that I should be faulted for that by members in the body. I'm sorry that there are other bills that are...need to be considered, but this is an important issue because our environment and recycling and all of that is something that we talk about all the time. Senator Johnson and Senator Morrissey are probably the two people in the body that, and Senator