

package, add to the cost of it, and he'll remember that was why I didn't...why I voted against some of the amendments and so on on that particular bill. But I do have a question, and maybe somebody can answer it for me. I don't understand what makes the diaper compostable and how that it would get to this...how the diapers would get to the plant. So if somebody, Carol, do you have some information on that or...okay, Spencer, and then I...that's all I have to say. Thank you. Except that I'm confused.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Part of the problem is we're not sure what makes them compostable...I guess we're sure what makes them compostable, that definition is there, it's just what the definitions of "humus-like" and "dirt-like" are that we are not familiar with and I am not comfortable with. Compostable means they can be torn up into teeny little pieces, means they will...can undergo physical, chemical, thermo or biological degradation in a solid waste composting facility. So what Senator Pirsch is trying to do is saying they're building one in Council Bluffs and that's the intent. If the thrust of this bill is reduction, we can do no reduction until we have one of these facilities available, and this will make one available for Omaha, but nowhere else in the state because the transportation costs would probably be too high for the resulted price you could get out of the humus or "humus-like" stuff. Give the rest of the time to Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: There are various things that you think of when you think of composts, and we have little compost piles in our backyards and we layer the lawn clippings and we can put cardboard. Earthworms love cardboard. That's what they feed them on. But in the particular vessel kind of cooking that's going on in Iowa, this is truly a huge cooker and it cooks this whatever that goes into it...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ..into those fine pieces and particles that actually, you know how you buy the little foam pellets in your potting soil to give space and air to your garden soil, that's actually what it ends up to being is a mixture of things that actually are soil-like and are good to add to the earth.