

environmentally safe in the process of biodegrading then, great, let's use it and, hopefully, the public will accept it. The one component we seem to forget is that the public has to use the product and they may not like the product, but yet we've mandated through state law they've got to use it. Now was that good or bad? I don't know, but what we're telling the marketplace is this is what you're going to be able to sell and we don't even know whether the public will accept it. My family has used some biodegradable diapers and, I've said this before, we didn't really like them too well, but there may be new diapers coming on the marketplace that will be better than the ones that we used some...a couple years ago. Hopefully, it will be, but we don't know. Secondly, and I guess this is my only point, my last point, we don't need to pass state law for Procter and Gamble to go out and put on their package that this diaper is composted. Well, they can do that now if they want to. We don't need to pass a law to do that. But I think what we're trying to recognize, what we're trying to plug into the factor or into the study through this, through LB 325, is that we look at both biodegradability and compostability in the director's study and, hopefully, that was my intent for passing the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I want it to work. I really do. I think some people think that this is all just a ruse or in some way trying to deep-six the original proposal. That's not the case, at least in my perspective. Might be some other people's objectives, but that's not mine. Because, as I said before, I think this is an extremely important component in the overall waste stream, so I support the Pirsch amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rod Johnson. Next speaker, Senator Schimek. Senator Smith, did you wish to address the Pirsch amendment?

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will just take a few minutes to do this, but I would also support the Pirsch amendment. I do want to make it very clear though that I don't believe this is going to solve the problem. We've attached the Ashford amendment and, because we have, I think that that's good that you've not precluded the opportunity for Omaha to make use of that facility there. But following up on something that Senator Crosby alluded to, the situation with...we need to have