

more facilities than a facility out of state or one state facility, you're absolutely right, and the opportunity that was missed in Hastings for this and, by the way, there was the potential for a pilot project to be part of that with Procter and Gamble looking at the compostability of diapers with this offer that was made there. But when they looked at it, the way it would have had to have been done, they felt they couldn't afford it at this point in time and that's why I can't figure out when we talk about we're putting the cart before the horse, I'm not sure that what we need to be doing is making sure that there is the compostable materials before we talk or...before they are willing to put a facility in place for compostability. But the way it stands now and the reason I mentioned the yard waste as a great part of what we talk about compost is because it, in fact, is very true, and in Hastings, what they decided was, given the situation we have there with garbage removal and the process that we use there with the numbers of days it's available in the week and so on, they came up with the conclusion that unless it was going to be a tremendous increase in the rates for garbage hauling, they would have had to have only been able to take garbage one day a week and the other day of the week they would have had to have taken the compost, especially in the summer months. People began to argue about, well, if I don't have a yard why should I help pay for this kind of a thing, you know, and what it came down to was that it was not a viable situation at this time. So we're not really there yet and that was my concern earlier, that we have not...the people of the state themselves, of the the communities, have not given this the consideration that they should have at this point in time and so we're arguing about an issue here that maybe they're not ready for yet. We don't even know the answer as far as in the study that was done that we did as an interim study with a lot of input from a lot of individuals and a lot of expertise, we don't even know for sure what "degradability" means. We keep changing. Technology has changed what they now see about degradable products, the toxic emissions and that sort of thing as a result if they're burned and so on. So we're talking about a lot of things here. I think the intent of this bill, and I agree with Senator Rod Johnson, my intent in doing this is to say we should look at compostability as a part of this whole process in the study that's being done right now, and that's my whole interest in this issue. I guess the bottom line for me is that I think we should not preclude Omaha from being able to make use of the facility 50 miles away, or whatever the distance is when it's on the other side of the river, and for