

industry by doing this. Let's get our definitions straightened out on "degradability", "humus-like", "soil-like". What does that all mean? We don't know. Is it good to have little pieces of plastics that we're going to be dumping around? I don't know. Composting is a viable option possibly in the future. We need to look at that. We need to let the state plan work, let the state plan look at composting and everything else. We need to look at importation, the federal laws, the federal laws addressing importation, our own state laws addressing the control of importation and let the...figure out what we're going to do on the study on compostable diapers. It's not been funded. It won't be done. It's supposed to be done by October 1, 1992. We have to address that again right away next year. Let's wait. Let's wait and see what our money looks like next year and make the necessary amendments to make this bill right, let the studies carry out through the summer that need to be done and then address the bill next year. Let's get rid of it now and get back to the more important issues that we have before us. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. On the motion to bracket, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I don't think we ought to bracket this bill. I think we've got it worked out. I think we've got the definitions worked out. I didn't support this bill when it was first introduced, but I did support it at the hearing with an amendment where we changed the definition of composting and this is what's in the committee amendment. Composting shall mean a physical and biological process that can cause organic waste to break down to humus-like material. Also, we have a definition for compostable that the Senator just read a little while ago. And when LB 325 was passed a couple years ago, we put a definition of biodegradable, and that's in Section 69-2003. We also put a definition in for degradable. We also put a definition in for photodegradable. Since LB 325 was passed, there has been I would say about half or maybe more than half of the states that have called us and wanted the definition of degradability and I don't know how many of these other states that passed a law such as LB 325, but I know there were some. And we even had some of the foreign countries call our office. So at least we got something started. I realize it probably isn't perfect, but at least we've got something started. As far as the EPA doing this study and the study has to be done by October 1, 1992, they tell me