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SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Senator Hefner, would you answer questions for me, please?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Certainly.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Knowing what you know about an existing disposable diaper, would that diaper be physically or be capable of undergoing physical degradation?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Morrissey, as I understand it, for a diaper to be compostable it would have to be degradable and that's the main thrust of my argument.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: And where does it say that?

SENATOR HEFNER: It doesn't say it but in the definition that we have for composting.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Compostable shall mean materials, products or packaging capable of undergoing physical, one of them could be physical degradation. Physical degradation, according to Gary Hyatt, the Procter and Gamble representative, is tearing a piece of paper into small pieces is physical degradation. We can take the diaper they have now on the market and tear it into small pieces. Thermo degradation is, according, again, to Gary Hyatt, thermo is if you set a match to a piece of paper, burning it, and I don't see where it says it has to be anything other than a humus-like material. Now I'm not going to go on and on with this. This shouldn't be here. This bill should not be here at this time, at this place, and I'm trying to do something for the corn people and I'm not going to carry it on any more. Shouldn't be here. Senator Beutler, would you answer a question? Can you vote to move this bill with the current definitions in place?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Morrissey, as you well know, I think a lot of work needs to be done on a whole number of definitions, including compostability, including degradability and biodegradability. All of those definitions are lacking, in my opinion, and I guess my basic opinion is that it doesn't really matter much one way or another what happens with this bill.