

This is getting to be a big to-do over very little, in my opinion, and it seems to me that, with the study that's coming up next year, you and I and no one on this committee has forgotten this issue. All these definitions will be addressed again, the concept of composting will be addressed in more detail, all the things that society's concerned about right now are going to be addressed in much more detail shortly, as you know, and so I just can't get very excited about this bill one way or the other.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Okay, thank you. I guess I can't either and if you see a bad bill coming forward, what you feel as a bad bill, should you let it go because there are more important things coming? I don't know. Should you do it? If you think the corn people are getting it stuck to them, should you do it? Should you allow the bill to move ahead one more step so you have to fight the plastics lobby on only one step, on only one level instead of the two that should be fought, go through the process? I don't know. I don't care anymore. This definition allows them to do what they're doing now, business as usual, in my opinion, and there are a lot of questions that I have enumerated that need to be addressed before we go on. When I talked to the corn people in the lobby, in the hall after this hearing, they said, I said what about this definition, and they are, as they say nervous as long-tailed cats in a room full of rockers, as Senator Schmit, my mentor, would say. They were real nervous. They were real nervous about this definition when they talked to me in the hall. Now, if you want it, fine. I'm saying there's problems, potential problems. I'm saying it allows them to do what they want to do. With the Ashford amendment, with the Pirsch amendment, if, indeed, one is built in Council Bluffs then the way I understand how this reads then the biodegradable diapers are on the market...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ..with all these compostable markets, we're no different than we were earlier, no different than we were before the biodegradable bill, biodegradable. The study will not be done, the diaper study, until we appropriate money for it next year and then that study's supposed to be done by October of '91 (sic). We need to change that. We need to change a lot of things, but I'm not going to take it on anymore. We shouldn't even have been discussing this bill. It shouldn't be moved forward. We should bracket it till next year.