

to emboss in plastic containers a symbol that tells what it's made of. This is to adopt the Plastic Container Coding Act and states that no person shall manufacture or distribute a plastic bottle or rigid plastic container unless the bottle is imprinted with a code identifying the appropriate resin or type of plastic used to produce the structure of the container. The bill states what the code shall consist of and the penalties for noncompliance. It's a very simple bill. It had no opposition and advanced unanimously from the committee. And I would ask for your help in advancing this bill to Select File. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Discussion on the advancement of LB 270. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Elmer, would you just briefly...and I will give you my time so you can do so, I'm just kind of curious, if we enacted the bill and the code is on there, would you just kind of pontificate a little bit about what the advantages would be to Nebraskans when they have that container to know exactly what that code is and what it says, what's that going to do for us and the advantages that would take?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: I don't know if I'm really qualified to pontificate, Senator Bernard-Stevens, but I will try to explain what it will do. In the circumstances when a plastic container is brought into a recycler and he is selecting the different...or segregating the containers the coding on the bottom that becomes a part of the container itself allows him then to separate the containers into each different type of plastic or resin that comprises its structure and not have to try to sort them out by other means. It just is a great enhancement in the ability to recycle plastic materials. Many of them are not compatible with each other and if they have always the same type together, it makes recycling much more feasible and much less expensive.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Elmer. I guess, I would like to ask another question or so, if I may. Once the...once...well, I can see where you're coming from, it will ease the sorting, it will make things easier as far as making...getting the right things where they need to be. Where is...where is it your understanding about where the markets are