

what a soil-like material is. Support Senator Ashford's amendment and let's keep the incentive in there for them to keep pouring the money into this.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. The next speaker is Senator Pirsch. Did you wish to address the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was going to ask Rod Johnson...Senator Rod Johnson a question but he seems to have disappeared. And the question that I was going to ask him is if the compost pile that he referred to in Council Bluffs is indeed the one that Omaha has a program. Omaha is recycling its lawn clippings. It's in a beginning preliminary stage but I believe that that composting is happening in...is being carried to Council Bluffs where they could find some land that actually would be agreeable to this. Senator Ashford, I will ask you some questions. You're aware of this lawn clipping compost program in Omaha?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes, I am, but that doesn't handle this problem. But I'm aware that we're getting towards...towards that, we're moving towards that.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. Well, when we talk of compost we're talking about a variety of ingredients in that compost pile and do you not see this being included in that kind of effort by the City of Omaha?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yeah, and I think what Senator Johnson is saying is not incorrect, I'm not really arguing with Senator Johnson or Senator Smith or anybody. What I'm saying is, all I'm saying is if we pass this amendment or without my amendment or with any other...anything on the bill, we're just telling the public something that isn't going to happen. So that's my concern. And we could...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Is this your amendment?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yeah.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, at the end it says, provided such facility is located in Nebraska. That applies to the actual composting facility?