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SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes. I...there could have been another way to do it. I could have said "shall be composted" rather than...what I was trying to say is...

SENATOR PIRSCH: I guess my problem is that I'm aware that we have some kind of a composting scheme...

SENATOR ASHFORD: Right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...now in Omaha that would be logical if we would follow up with the diapers and other composting materials. But would that not be something that should be deleted from your amendment then? We don't necessarily need that facility in Nebraska and that was my point in asking you these questions that I think we should amend that out. We'll have to do that, I guess, if your amendment is adopted then, Senator Ashford. Would that be agreeable to you?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I'm not sure I totally understand what you're proposing as an amendment.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Right now there is not a...there are only 10 composting facilities in the United States. There isn't one in Nebraska now. I don't know whether or not the Council Bluffs facility can compost these diapers and I know the Omaha facility is not capable of doing it.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Do we want to compost them if we have other alternatives across the river in Council Bluffs?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, we want to...

SENATOR PIRSCH: And Senator Morrissey had a good point.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, that's what Procter and Gamble is saying, is as long as they are compostable we should be able to sell them in Nebraska. And what I'm saying is, fine, as long as they are composted. But if they're not composted, then we're not doing anything. We're just passing a nonlaw. I mean, we're just basically letting...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yeah, I understand. My only problem with your amendment is why do we have to specify in Nebraska?