

biodegradable diapers at the present time and that's the Rocky Mountain Medical Corporation in Colorado. And they go on to say, and you can read it if you would care to, but babies will spend approximately 20,000 hours in diapers and then it goes on to say that a typical baby wears up to 9,000 diapers before he or she is toilet trained. There were more than 3.7 million births last year in the United States and nearly 85 percent of all diapers...diaper changes involved disposable diapers. This means that last year alone more than 20 billion diapers, 20 billion diapers which will not break down for hundreds of years in our landfills, they were dumped into the environment. The Environmental Protection Agency puts disposable diaper waste at some 5 million tons annually. Some cities estimate that disposable diapers alone account for more than 10 percent of landfill use. And the 5 million ton is by weight, so I ask you, what about the volume? That volume is going to be terrific. Also, in another part of your handout, and this was put out by Newsweek in the March 6 issue, 1989, the two biggest producers and manufacturers of diapers are Procter and Gamble, with their Pampers brand, and Kimberly-Clark, with their Huggies. And it goes on to say both of these companies are reportedly perfecting biodegradable models. It is hard to imagine that they could make diapers significantly better than they are today unless they come out in a biodegradable form. We do have some degradable plastic products over on the table just to the right of me under the north balcony, if you would care to look at a disposable diaper or some of the other degradable products, like the gallon milk bottle and some others. And so I believe at this time I would stop and if you have any questions, why I would be real happy to try and answer them for you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, yes, thank you for the interruption. New A bill, LB 586A by Senator Kristensen. (Read by title for the first time as found on page 1666 of the Legislative Journal.)

I have Rules hearing scheduled for Thursday, April 20.

LB 392 and LB 482 have been reported correctly engrossed. Those are offered by Enrollment and Review, Chaired by Senator Lindsay. (See page 1667 of the Legislative Journal.)

Senator Labeledz has amendments to LB 769, Senator Smith to