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LB 717

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Preister.

**SENATOR PREISTER:** Thank you, honorable President. I just wanted to answer the questions that had been raised on General File. I did answer them individually to Senator Wehrbein, but I wanted to respond. The contents of an emergency response plan include several things. One is the identification of facilities and extremely hazardous substances transportation routes; another is emergency response procedures on-site and off-site; another is a designation of a community coordinator and facility coordinator to implement the emergency plan, emergency notification procedures, methods for determining the occurrence of a release and the probable affected area and population, description of community and industry emergency equipment and facilities and the identification of persons responsible for them, evacuation plans, description and schedule of a training program for emergency response personnel, and methods and schedules for exercising emergency response plans. The other question dealt with the percentages of releases and, between '94 and 1999, 22 percent of the hazardous material releases that were reported were from agricultural chemicals--fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides; 51 percent were related to petroleum products, including diesel, gasoline, other fuels, oils, petroleum solvents; the remainder were mostly from acids, alcohol, caustics, metals, and PCBs. About 29 percent of all of those reported spills were from some type of transportation motor vehicle related incidents, and 11 percent were from railroads. About 30 percent were from fixed facilities. The remainder were from above ground tanks, aircraft, air releases, as a result of fire, land releases, pipelines and others, according to Department of Environmental Quality. Those were the only questions that I believe I said that I would bring information and answer and, with that, I thank you and the body for the time.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Further debate? Senator Smith, I'm going to ask you for an additional motion to advance.

**SENATOR SMITH:** Mr. Speaker, I move the advancement of LB 717 to E & R for engrossing.