

the list of speakers I would like to introduce some guests today. They are guests of Senator Coordsen. We have 12 seniors from Fairmont High School and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being here. Speakers, Senator Warner, did you wish to address the Bromm amendment? Senator Vrtiska, the Bromm amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I'd like to ask a couple of questions of Senator Bromm if I might.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bromm, would you respond, please?

SENATOR BROMM: Yes, Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Bromm, I was reading in...or rereading the bill when I was trying to determine, fire department, or the Fire Marshal's Office is in charge of this whole process, correct?

SENATOR BROMM: Well I think that they are except that DEQ gets involved of course in the cleanup process.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well the question I have has to do with your, I guess has to do with your map that shows the flow of ground water and I guess my question surrounds around the fact as how you determine the flow of the ground water in areas like where I'm from when there isn't much ground water. How do you determine...who makes the determination which way the flow...be in order to determine if it's Station B or Station A that's having the problem or causing the problem?

SENATOR BROMM: My experience with this, Senator Vrtiska, is limited but judging from some of the problems that I have become aware of in the Mead Ordnance Plant area and in the area of Mead, Nebraska which is in Saunders County, I know that they can do extensive core drilling to determine where the direction of the contamination is coming from. They have fairly scientific ways of ascertaining not only the flow of the water, but where the contamination is most concentrated and where it is moving from and where it is moving to. It's not an exact science, but they certainly have become a lot more sophisticated in the last five years and I don't know the names of the processes but I can tell you they can do it.