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tried to get these regs down. Mr. Jack Daniel, over here in the Health...in the Water Department, is trying to work feverishly to reduce the regulations and the mandates that's putting on us. I mean, a small town can pay three and four thousand dollars a year just to comply with the regulations. And like the town of Riverdale, for instance, we have a water well. We have nothing but a glorified water well. And we pump water for the village. It just simply...some of these tests and so on just do not pertain to a village like that. But yet we have to do it. And it costs millions and millions of dollars, and maybe save one or two lives. Sure, that one or two lives, I'm not running that down. But I had a bill in, maybe would save 500 lives. It was called the cell phone bill. And that was laughed at. And here we have a bill maybe to save one life, and cost us millions and millions of dollars, and it's, hey, we give it all the attention in the world. So I think we have to think these things thoroughly through. We kill hundreds and hundreds of people on the highway. Not that I'm justifying that, but sometimes to save one life, I'm just not sure if we can get it down to that fine-tuned. I'd like to ask Senator Kremer a question, please.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kremer, would you yield?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kremer, if we do nothing, if we do nothing, what will happen if this body does nothing?

SENATOR KREMER: If we do nothing as far as this bill, then EPA will put the regulation in that we have to control...bring the radon levels down in our drinking water. And again, the...according to the National Academy of Science, there's been 20,000 lung cancer deaths from radon, and only 160 of those have been from water. So water is not a very effective way to do it. So they're trying to give us an incentive to go out and do something that's more effective than treating the water.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Okay. I guess he's trying to do what I'm after also. But this is the lesser of the two evils you might say. If...

SENATOR KREMER: But the more effective also.