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SENATOR SCHMIT: It probably will not be used up because of the problems that might develop, you see, from its use. Those individuals who are in the business of applying chemicals, rather than to risk a problem with the EPA, if I were still in operation, I would not use it because I would not want to be in trouble with the Environmental Protection Agency because they may decide that what I call rangeland was pastureland.

SENATOR MARSH: I follow your reasoning. Thank you very much.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, a quick question of Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit, what you are saying then is simply that the best way to process this would be when the government decides on banning a chemical they should ban it at the source where it is being manufactured and let the rest of it run on down through the line and dispose of it like it has been used for the last ten or fifteen or maybe thirty years and get rid of it on that basis rather than have it stored and possibly, and not possibly, but surely causing problems in a concentrated area?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is exactly right, Senator Cope. You know the EPA at one time told me to take the DDT that I had on hand to the local Butler County landfill, I guess we call it, and I know that my friends on the county board when I visited with them about it were not at all enthused about that because a thousand gallons of DDT dumped in a concentrated area in a landfill can certainly cause problems, and at this time, we still do not have any way that I know of that is a safe way to dispose of the DDT that I have on my farm and I know another thing that has happened in the past and we have been told many times, you know, many of our household chemicals, for example, chlordane and many other chemicals that we use around the households, when they were banned, the housewife had to get rid of it so she flushed it down the stool and it resulted in a lot of problems and so by when the EPA bans it under the present kind of a suspension system, they create far more problems in my estimation than they solve. Whereas if they would stop the manufacture, as you have suggested, it would certainly make a lot more sense, be a lot less of a problem econom-