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SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask Senator Beutler a question, if he would respond please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler, do you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Beutler, you mentioned that this is strictly asbestos that we are dealing with here. You made that point very clear. I would like to ask you if the many chemical compounds set out in the bill and in the language it says "or any combination thereof", are you positive that there is nothing else that would have any of those chemical compounds in any other combination that would not fall under this statute other than asbestos?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, I am.

SENATOR VICKERS: Let me ask you another question. Instead of putting in the chemical compounds, why didn't you just simply insert the word "asbestos" or "asbestos related compounds"?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Because the words that were actually used were more specific than the term "asbestos". Asbestos is a type of mineral fiber which is included within these other mineral fibers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Why would it be more specific than the term "asbestos"? Could you, can the term "asbestos" be used in any other form that wouldn't actually be "asbestos"?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Once more please.

SENATOR VICKERS: You said that these chemical compounds are more specific than using the term "asbestos". I am asking you if you would put "asbestos" in here instead of the chemical compounds, what else could fall under it then?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I guess I am not quite sure whether "asbestos" is a technical word, Senator Vickers. "Asbestos" may have a reference that is not specific. It is a general word. The specific words that are used in the bill are those minerals, I am not sure I am using the proper words, but are those compounds that contain...that are recognized as what we call "asbestos".

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That language, by the way, that was one of