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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is...I got the names reversed, is chlordane a chemical that can legally be used right now?

SENATOR ELMER: No, it is not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why can it not be used legally? What were some of the problems with it?

SENATOR ELMER: Chlordane had too long a residual activity and has been proven to be a health hazard.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How many people were killed from chlordane, if you know of any statistics, each year?

SENATOR ELMER: I have no idea, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think it was as many as 400,000?

SENATOR ELMER: Negative.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you aware of any farm chemical that was shown to have killed 400,000 people each year?

SENATOR ELMER: Only...no, that...no, I have no idea. I was just thinking of Bhopal in India but that wasn't...that wasn't an agricultural chemical.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Elmer,...

SENATOR ELMER: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If any farm chemical then did kill as many people as tobacco products have been shown to do, how long do you think it would take before that chemical would be banned for use in this country?

SENATOR ELMER: Only as long as the regulatory process would take to process it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Pirsch, I would like to ask you a question or two, if I may. Senator Pirsch, do you think,...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes.