

those contaminants at this time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so in short we don't know with respect to these different contaminants which ones may be at a healthy or unhealthy level generally speaking. Is that true?

SENATOR PREISTER: I think we would have to monitor specific ambient air in a specific building and then find out what the allowable limits are and compare to know if they are reaching that level or when they are reaching that level.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But we don't even know as a beginning point as to whether the federal government has set a standard with regard to each one of these. Is that true or untrue?

SENATOR PREISTER: I would have to verify that, I don't know what the standard would be if they have...(inaudible)

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't know myself. I'm asking this because I have not had an opportunity to do research in this area. But I'm concerned about whether this secondary smoke thing to the extent that it has become an issue is how much of it is real and how much of it has been scientifically verified and if we're talking about scientific verification, how can we talk about that when the federal government, at least to our current knowledge, has not even set a standard as they have with nitrates or Atrazene or whatever they've taken an interest in, certainly with regard to a number of air pollutants they've done that. How do we know whether we're dealing in good science here or not?

SENATOR PREISTER: I think that the issue has been examined and there have been some medical studies that have been funded. I know the Cancer Society and the Lung Association have done a number of...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...studies specifically dealing with these various listings of chemical components of sidestream or secondhand smoke. I'm just saying that I don't know the specific numbers and whether or not those numbers have been established for allowable or not allowable limits. I would think that things like cadmium and nickel have certainly been set because they're in other things as well, but what those