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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bruning, do you think there are people who are living in the area of this double piping who cannot sleep nights knowing that this danger is beneath and perhaps all around them?

SENATOR BRUNING: I have no way of knowing that, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there any double piping in your area?

SENATOR BRUNING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think that might be why you can't sleep nights rather than the reason you suggested the other day, because Mr. Bjorklund is alive?

SENATOR BRUNING: But, Senator, you said yourself I didn't look like I'd had any sleepless nights.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm telling you what I said, but I'm...you said you couldn't sleep and I was just commenting that it didn't seem to me that you'd been losing much in the way of sleep or appetite. Let me ask you this. Would you agree to the following language, based on the safety factors, and we need to look at this issue, notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is hereby declared a two-year moratorium on the activity known as double piping? Would you agree to that amendment? Senator Bruning?

SENATOR BRUNING: Senator, I'm not an expert, certainly, in utility regulation, but it seems to me that's what the bill is doing. It prevents double piping;...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I don't want it to be...

SENATOR BRUNING: ...that this would be redundant.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I don't want it to be permanent. I don't want to abolish double piping. I want to study it and see whether or not double piping is the danger that we're told it is, so if there's just a moratorium things will stay where they are. There will be no additional double piping. Then we can inquire into the issue. If you, who are bringing this bill,