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state, I don't know what is. The significance of the lead problem in the eastern part of Omaha and its impact on the young children in that area just...it's just enormously significant. Now I understand that there are other environmental issues that...in other parts of the state, but I cannot think of one that is faced in Omaha or in the eastern part of the state that is...that rises to the level in terms of the number of young people who are impacted and the significance of the impact. And so, you know, one of my frustrations is what do we consider environmental if we don't consider the poisoning of young children an environmental hazard that we can use this money to address? And if the powers that be that are discussing this come up with something else, that's fine, but I also think that our definition of what is an appropriate environmental response, if this doesn't rise to the level of something that we want to address, I don't know what does. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Preister, on the Chambers amendment, AM1255. (Visitors introduced.) Thank you, Senator Preister, for letting us do that. You may start.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. I was going to ask a question, but since there's a discussion going on I will forego that. But in the handout that we received regarding amendment to LB 367, if you look on that, the very first thing that's listed is the lead abatement program benefits low-income families under the age of six, and what I was going to ask, Senator Chambers, was whether or not you...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, would you yield to a question, if you're avail...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR PREISTER: I wasn't going to interrupt you, Senator Chambers, because I thought something productive was going on in the discussion. But on the handout that you gave out, the very first sentence reads the lead abatement program benefits low-income families under the age of six. Now my question is, is that a family that has only been in existence for six years,