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do is create some sort of temporary little dams down a hill, so that the water is stored temporarily before it runs off. And I've always thought that this was a good thing to do. You know, you stop over...runoff from going directly into streams, carrying silt and that kind of thing. Well, recently, in a meeting at the...over to the NRC, the state NRC agency, I was instructed that there are two problems with that. One of them is, because you trap that water on the hillside, whoever might need that water downstream for irrigation is being deprived of it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: The second problem is that when you trap that water on the hillside, part of the objective is to stop it so all the silt comes out, therefore it reduces pollution; but the result of that is that the water going down into the stream is clean water, and that's a problem because that's hungry water. If it's clean water, it's more likely to absorb sediment, so that once it gets in the stream it will cause stream bank erosion and other kinds of problems. So I don't quite know what the right thing to do is.

SENATOR KREMER: Well, thank you, Senator Raikes. I have about a half a minute left, but I thought it was a good point to say that we're doing such a good job of cleaning up the water out there that it's becoming a problem, and then for those people to be taxed to help the problem. And I understand the concern with some of the big parking lots, but, actually, they are contributing to the problem much more than that landowner out there that's doing such a...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR KREMER: ...good job that he's not letting anything go down the stream. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Speaker Bromm, you're recognized. Speaker Bromm.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I know everyone