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percent, regardless of the cost of it in dollars, look at the impact of not doing it on the public. And at some point a decision may have to be taken that certain operators cannot afford to be in this line of business because they cannot afford to do the things that will enable them to operate according to standards that are in the interests of society. This bill should not be an operators' bill. The goal of all of this should be something other than making it easy for operators, or increasing the return on an investment, speaking from the standpoint of dollars and cents. The public interest should be served by legislation that we enact. I do think the best available technology, in the sense of that technology which achieves the goal envisioned, is the technology that ought to be required to be utilized. Now, if a person has conducted a set of experiments on a small piece of ground or in a building so that a theory might seem to have validity, but as you apply it to a larger area it breaks down and will not hold true, then such technology is not available because it will not work. To give an example, you may have a little device that is supposed to purify the air. Maybe in a closet it can purify the air because the volume of space is small enough for this little device to work, but if you put it in a living room it does not work. Because of the components in this device, if you increase the size of the device itself, you reduce the effectiveness or efficiency of its operation, so it's impractical because it cannot work on a large enough scale to do the job that needs to be done. There are scientists who've pointed out that when monster movies are made and they're going to have certain insects as the monster, you cannot have them reach more than a certain size, if you want to be scientifically correct, because of the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...nature of their taking in oxygen. If you increase their size by too large a ratio, their breathing system is such that it cannot support that size. If a building is being constructed, you cannot use material which the more you add in raising the structure increases in weight to such an extent that the supporting whatever it is underneath it cannot sustain it, that building collapses. So, when we're talking