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emit, minus whatever amount L is emitting; is that true?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's correct, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So without this provision that allows the trading...let's say that H is emitting an amount that will be assigned the number 100, the maximum.

SENATOR SCHROCK: I'm with you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And H is at that maximum. L is emitting 20. Right now, the total amount of mercury being emitted is 120. That's what's being emitted now. If this law is enacted, which purports to be for the purpose of improving the quality of the air, that amount can rise from 120 to 200 if H would purchase the 80 that L is not emitting; is that correct?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I see where you're coming at, Senator Chambers. I'm not quite sure how that works.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, let me ask it in a simpler way, because you see what I'm asking.

SENATOR SCHROCK: You know, if 100 was the maximum that was allowed, and they weren't going over that, they would have no need to trade. But if 60 is the max, then they'd have to trade with the 20 to get their average down.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: See, you used a different number. The 100 doesn't represent 100 percent. But let me ask you this.

SENATOR SCHROCK: I understand. It's a number.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: With this provision enacted into law, the state can wind up with a greater amount of mercury being emitted than was the case without this law; isn't that true?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I'm told that's incorrect, Senator Chambers.