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and I'm not trying to embarass you, I want to make a point though. Will you answer a question for me?

SENATOR KREMER: I'll try.

SENATOR MILLS: Senator Kremer, does LB821, without the amendment meet the requirement, the federal requirements of the safe drinking water act?

SENATOR KREMER: The first go around they said no. After we told them that this was as far as we were going to go, we watered down the bill the best to our ability. The last word that I had was that they said they would go along with it.

SENATOR MILLS: When was the last word that you had?

SENATOR KREMER: Oh....a month ago.

SENATOR MILLS: Okay, Senator Kremer, I have some literature that was presented to me in the last two weeks. I want to read it to you. I want to read this to the membership. It says that the proposed LB 821 contains no provisions for two of the requirements of federal law. Now are we going to pass a federal law? Number one, public water supply systems which do not comply with the standards must notify the consumers at least every three months. That is not in the bill. Number two, the state must notify and make reports to the Administrator of the EPA for almost all of its actions it takes concerning the federal office. It is not in the bill. Two things right there. Now if you want to pass the bill, remember that those are not in there. It isn't meeting the federal requirements there. The argument that those towns and municipalities that were going to be affected that were not at the committee hearing, that is weak. We know it is. Who comes to these hearings? The professionals, the lobbyists, and if they are not there the people sure don't come. They don't even know what is happening. The same situation prevails here as it prevailed on the helmet law. We are being led, we are being led, only there were only 25 votes to pass the helmet bill but here this isn't quite the situation because we don't have a lot of people fighting against this bill. We had at least some motorcycle dealers, some people who didn't want to wear helmets who were writing to this body and saying don't pass it. But, this thing has not had that kind of advertisement, if you want to call it that, across the state. Believe you me, they are going to get it. I want to bring more point, 27 employees probably. Twenty-seven employees that will be funded by the act, but, let me remind you that this is going to probably be taken away so be prepared to spend that money for the 27 employees when the federal people withdraw those monies. I think that we have given you enough argument to kill LB821, the Schmit amendment being tacked on. This body does not know what it is. We have talked about two parts that are not in the bill that federal law requires, that in itself ought to drop the bill out. We have a number of these areas, the people are not aware of it. I would ask you to indefinitely postpone LB821.