

which will be coming along later but I wanted to visit with you a little bit about this resolution because I think it points up some of the problems that can develop when a government agency immediately suspends for any kind of use a certain chemical. That has happened now with the chemical 2-4-5-T, notwithstanding the fact that at this time there are millions of gallons of it that are in the production chain, that are in the hands of producers, dealers, retailers and the ultimate consumer. When that chemical is suspended, those chemicals cannot be used especially on certain kinds of crops, certain kinds of land and that means that the original purpose for which it was purchased is going to be frustrated so those chemicals remain in storage. No one knows what they can do with them. No one knows how they can be disposed of or how they can be merchandised. In many instances they cannot even be moved. Now we know that most of those chemicals are packaged in steel barrels, and after a period of time those barrels will begin to rust, and someone will say, well, that is a long time and we don't worry about that and certainly before that time happens something will be done. But I want to give you an actual example. A number of years ago the chemical DDT was banned. We were not allowed to use it. Notwithstanding the fact that I had sprayed thousands of gallons of it over hundreds of thousands of acres including many cities and municipalities over the years, all of a sudden I was forbidden to use it. Now at this time on my farm I have in storage a number of hundred gallons of DDT that I am forbidden to use. It cannot be moved and I don't know how to dispose of it, and in all this time, the Environmental Protection Agency has not found any method that is satisfactory for the disposal of the chemical DDT. I can guarantee you that in my own instance those barrels will soon be rusted out and they will be leaking and there will still be no way for me to handle it and it is very likely that that chemical could then become a dangerous chemical because of the concentration deposits that would occur. I would have been far less risky in my own opinion had the existing amount of chemical been allowed to be utilized in the manner in which we had been using it for many, many years. It had been sprayed over cornfields to control corn borers in rather minor amounts. I don't think any damage would have occurred but as the result of the banning of that chemical there will come a time when there will be concentrated amounts of DDT that will be in fact vested upon the environment. I know of a particular instance in another state where a public employee got rid of a chemical simply by putting it in the back of a pickup truck and driving down a gravel road and certainly that was a hazardous way to dispose of