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robbery, which is bad enough, turned into a killing spree. That's methamphetamine. Three meth labs busted by the State Patrol in one day in Madison County, that's methamphetamine. That's meth labs being busted, one ten walking steps away from a house with a day care. That's meth. And the children that Health and Human Services deals with today that are walking into school, they haven't eaten all weekend, they haven't taken a bath, they haven't showered, they've got parents who no longer care because they're on meth. There are those that say this bill, in the green copy and as amended, go too far. You know what? I'm fine with the logbook, personally. I understand that there's a lobby out there that says, no, we shouldn't have that. I believe it when the State Patrol says this will help. These are nervous people. Imagine walking into your pharmacy, asking for a pseudoephedrine, having to sign a logbook. You're on meth. You've got schizophrenia-like symptoms and you're nervous and jittery, and now you're giving your I.D. and signing your name to a book. That's good. I like that. Let's do something bold. Let's not do it halfway, so we don't ruin this little parcel over here or this little parcel over here. Let's do it so we don't have kids coming to school that haven't eaten because Mom is on a four-day meth binge. Maybe we should do Schedule V. I'm okay with that too. Why? Because I've seen firsthand, and I'm sure a number of you have as well, that meth is going to take us over. And I don't...I really don't want to be an alarmist, but it's not just kids. It's 45-year-old business owners in my area that are taking this stuff and making it for their own personal habits and their own friends. I'm fine with the restrictions on sale.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FLOOD: Let's reduce the theft. I'm fine. I've talked to grocery owners that are fine. Senator Chambers raised an important issue. This is an 80/20 problem: 20 percent of it makes...20 percent of the meth made in Nebraska, obviously in meth labs, is being sold to people; 80 percent of it comes from the American southwest and Mexico. But attacking the meth labs does two things. It takes the head off of these folks that are profiting off of others and making the methamphetamine in this state, and it keeps our children away from anhydrous ammonia and