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rest of my time to Senator Janssen, if he would so wish.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Thank you, Senator Friend. There is no doubt that this piece of legislation is going to be a hardship on most retailers, but you know what? We learn to live with those, just like we have with tobacco. Tobacco now is locked up behind the counter, and I was at my store this morning and checked out that section, and looked at the products that we've been talking about that were on...we keep them on a drug rack now. And I was surprised to see how many products there were that contain this ephedrine or whatever it is. It's a very good cold remedy medicine, I mean, and it's something that we do sell a lot of. But we also lose a lot of it. You know, you check around most retail stores and there is a problem with that, and these things are expensive. I know I stopped a lady one day--it's been several years ago--well, she had two cartons of cigarettes in her purse and a bunch of Sudafed. She said she had some sick children. Well, the cigarettes certainly weren't going to help those sick children, but the Sudafed was. And so I think you're going to see more of this, if we don't lock them up. That's a good idea, and I was glad to see the logbook won't have to be laying behind the counter, collecting dust, which it would. And another thing we have to...we talk about the grocery industry that are selling it. But in my area, we have a large anhydrous ammonia plant. Now can you believe this? There were some young people, should have known better, stopped and drained some anhydrous ammonia into a five-gallon bucket, without a lid on it. Now you know what anhydrous ammonia will do to you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: It will just burn the heck out of you. But they took off down the road, got in some loose gravel and ran in the ditch. And this whole five-gallon bucket of anhydrous ammonia got all over these kids. And it did; it burned them quite severely. Now I'm not saying that young people are the only ones that are doing these kinds of things. Adults who should know better also do those kind of things, too. So you