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environment. Those are the ones that it really affects. They can't help themselves. So I think this is what we really got to consider. I am concerned about the elderly. Don't take me wrong on that. But I am a lot more concerned about the youth that we are really and realistically affecting because removing a child, a one-, two-, or three- or four-year-old child, five-year-old child, from their environment and taking them into a completely new environment does have a drastic effect on that individual. And that's a real concern of mine, so that's what we really got to be concentrating on because those individuals can't help themselves. They don't want that to happen to them, so we've got to take into consideration why are these 81 percent of the kids being taken out of their homes and what can we do to stop that? That's what I'm really concerned about. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Further discussion, Senator Chambers, and this will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, my view may be a bit broader than Senator Stuthman's. I agree with what he is saying. But in talking about the elderly and the children, it's not an either/or situation. We can deal with both of them. And we have to, I think, stop describing or characterizing problems as either/or when both or several, if there would be more than two parts, all of the parts comprise a problem. We should look at all aspects. And I'm willing to work with Senator Stuthman on what he's talking about because he's right. Senator Bourne did not adequately cover the waterfront in what he said. He mentioned that a lot of elderly people are already taking prescription drugs and they have to present themselves or have somebody above 18 to go get the prescription. I know some old people who get...have prescriptions filled, but they're not the kind that have to be filled as often as they would have to take these doses of Sudafed, and they have relatives who will go get their prescriptions filled. This is entirely different. This is not a prescription drug. A person doesn't have to buy enough to last for a long period of time. You get it when you need it. An older person could buy a gallon of milk at one time but it might go bad, so they might buy it in a quart or even a