

is that I believe that if we continue to limp along with measures like this, it will only delay the actual decision that needs to be made on whether or not we have the political "whereforeall" of building what has been identified and needed prison for the past five years, whether we're, in fact, committed to doing that and providing the resources in one way or another of, in fact, meeting that commitment. So I rise in support of the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'm going to go on with this article on white people's drugs and then Senator Pedersen is going to give me some time that I want to use to ask some questions of my colleagues so that we will have a record when the lawsuits are going to be brought. Continuing with this article: "Methamphetamine causes psychotic and violent reactions, Dr. Abram (phonetic) said, because the drug throws production of the brain chemical dopamine out of control. Dopamine plays an important part in movement, thought and emotion. Over time, methamphetamine also damages the brain. A person addicted to this stuff looks and acts exactly like a paranoid schizophrenic, Dr. Abram (phonetic) said. You cannot tell any difference. He said that a crack addict could reach the same point of psychotic behavior but it would take much, much longer and much more of the drug." Then the article goes on to talk about a specific case of a young man whose parents were unaware that the drug was devastating him as it did. He wound up a casualty. I'm going to tell you why I read that and I'm saying it for the record. This Legislature shows not a great amount of concern about equity and justice. If crack cocaine is carrying such a high penalty because it is dangerous, why then won't a drug, which the doctors and scientists say is far more deadly and devastating than crack, carry a higher punishment? Because it's a white people's drug. The blue-collar-wearing white people in the Midwest are the ones using this drug, and I want to read you the white people's response to this problem. This comes from the March 12 edition of the World-Herald on page 7. The headline is: Bill Targets Methamphetamine Chemicals. These white politicians are not targeting methamphetamine abusers and sellers, but the chemicals. Why don't they target crack instead of black people? But let me read this. "Washington: Senator Charles Grassley,