

Republican from Iowa, and other lawmakers introduced legislation Tuesday that would limit access to chemicals used in making methamphetamine an illegal drug. Supporters said the bill is needed to curb the growing production and abuse of the drug. Methamphetamine is a highly addictive, man-made stimulant often called crank, crystal or ice. Its side effects include paranoia and violent behavior. When you talk about drugs in Iowa, this is all that's talked about, Grassley said. We need a no-nonsense approach to this." Grassley is the leading "Repelican" sponsor for the bipartisan bill drafted by Senator Dianne Feinstein, Democrat from California. With hundreds of illegal drug labs in rural areas, it's considered by the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration to be a source country for methamphetamine. The Feinstein-Grassley bill would establish a maximum civil penalty of \$250,000 for chemical supply houses that sell certain chemicals used to make methamphetamine after receiving a written warning from the DEA. Here's old white Grassley saying that when you talk about drugs in Iowa all you hear is methamphetamine. Here's old white Dianne Feinstein saying that it's a deadly drug and it needs to be dealt with. So what do all these white people in Congress who set these harsh penalties for crack do? They say we will set a civil penalty on a drug house that makes the chemicals available. They're not talking about loading up these punishments on these white...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ..methamphetamine abusers because this is a racist society. When we get to the point where the rubber reaches the road and we can show two parallel situations as we do in this one, the racism is inescapable. Not only is it a racist country, not only is Congress racist in what it does, this Legislature follows racist practices and the construction of these Quonset huts follows a similar one because the increase in the prison population in this state is based on the way they handle drug offenses and that is totally wrong. You can do it because you have the votes, but I want the record, the transcription of our proceedings, to make it clear that the issue of the racism was raised on the floor and giving the concrete example for comparison between the way crack is handled and methamphetamine, which is far more deadly and...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.