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meant by institutional racism, not just based on what individuals do but it's built into the system itself. I think that might be my last chance to speak on this motion, so if somebody would give me a light, then we have to keep this going.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, did you have an announcement?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Crosby would like to convene a meeting of the Committee on Committees now in Room 2102. That's Committee on Committees in 2102.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Peterson, you are next to speak.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Thank you, Madam Speaker and members of the body. And again, the issue of the problem I think of meth is well known. We've been talking about it, we've been talking about the effects of it, the danger of it, the addictiveness of the drug. Some of the other issues that have come up, though, have to do with maybe more of an educational process in terms of when you're talking about a drug like this, how much are you talking about? What are you talking about in cost? A quarter of a gram to a gram is what we could say is typical of a daily use for a low-intensity user. A quarter of a gram can cost around \$35, and if you tried to picture in your mind what a quarter of gram would look like, it would be a gram...if you had it wrapped in plastic, it would be about one inch square. As I said, meth is typically 80 to 90 percent pure, meaning that it has not been stepped on or had something added to it. There are 28 grams in an ounce, so if you were upper low-end user and you used one ounce a day...or excuse me one gram a day, if you bought an ounce, that would last you 28 days. If a quarter of a gram costs \$35, you can add that up and you get to an ounce and that's going to cost around...almost \$4,000 per ounce. Then the amount of hits you get off, and again this depends on the way that it's used, but typically you get four hits per gram, you're using a quarter gram per hit, so for an ounce you would have 112 hits. If you were a high-intensity user where you would use approximately three grams a day, then one ounce would last you nine days. The high, then, can be maintained, it can last for 24 to 36 hours between hits. As I said, it's easy to make meth.