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12 or 13 years old she was a beautiful young lady, and within a year or a year and a half she had fallen apart drastically, and things ended up real bad. She's not with us anymore. Why? Because she got addicted to meth. So easy to get started; almost impossible to get off of it. So let's keep that in mind for the young people or anyone--easy to get started, but impossible to end, unless you want to do the route that this young lady did. With that, I'll give the balance of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Bourne, did you wish to use...okay. Thank you. There are committee amendments, as stated by the Clerk. Senator Bourne, as Chairman of committee, you're recognized to open on AM0712.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, as I mentioned in my opening, we had extensive testimony on the bill, and if you look at the committee statement you'll see that it was a long hearing. There were retailers. There were pharmacists. There were store owners. There were other interested parties. And the Judiciary Committee tried to be responsive to these interested parties and, yet, still do something that will make a difference in curtailing the one ingredient that is common in all methamphetamine, and that is pseudoephedrine. So again, what I...I think the committee amendment, I think it's a fair compromise. I know that there are people that aren't entirely happy with it and I'm sure we'll get into that throughout the debate, but I think that it goes a long ways towards curtailing the availability of this input. I'll tell you what the committee amendment does. You heard what the green copy did, so here's the difference and here's what I'm proposing and the Judiciary Committee is proposing that you consider. It would limit the packaging of pseudoephedrine products to 1,440 milligrams of pseudoephedrine base. Now, again, that's base. That is not the...that's the amount of pseudoephedrine contained in a tablet or a pill or a liquid. And 1,440 milligrams of pseudoephedrine base is about 48 tablets of a 30-milligram dose. So you will be able to buy 48 tablets of a 30-milligram dose in one 24-hour period. The limitation, as in the committee amendment, is on all products containing multi-ingredient and liquids. It also requires that the product