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cold, to be able to get to it in places that don't have 24-hour pharmacies open and we don't have all the facilities that are available in urban areas. So I have this balancing act and so, because of that, I'm a little bit worried about this amendment. At this point, I'm in opposition to the amendment. I am in agreement with the bill as it came out of committee. I think that's as far...but I'd be open next year to come back and add more restrictions or alleviate some restrictions, if that is shown to be enough. I believe that we ought to step up and keep this behind the counter. That's an adequate amount to slow down and to answer this even rising threat in rural Nebraska and in Nebraska, because other states are addressing this and if we don't, we're going to be a haven for it. With that, I'll return my time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Further discussion? Senator Chambers. Is Senator Chambers on the floor? Senator Chambers, you're recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, let me give my disclaimer. Meth is horrible. I do a weekly cable television program and I've been...I had been talking about meth many years ago, and I talked about how...what the ravages were, and people thought I was making it up, and it's because I had read about what was happening. And things usually will take root someplace else and work their way here. Meth is a scourge, no question about it. But I watched what was done when people discovered crack. All of a sudden, you increased the penalties. Everybody who uses crack is a monster; lock them up and throw them in jail forever, no treatment, nothing. It became one of the most politically charged issues, because black people supposedly use crack as a form of cocaine of choice. But what people didn't know about the statistics, 90 percent plus of the crack abusers were white. That was never pointed out. And the white crack users were not treated the same. I will not be stampeded into taking steps that are not addressed to actually resolving the problem. There are underlying causes for things that happen in society. Many people who are politicians don't want to hear that. They want to pop the pimple that's sticking above the skin and let the puss and maybe a little blood spew out, and the public thinks