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something has been done. Then a band-aid is put on it and, if there was infection underneath, it remains there. Another pimple is going to develop. But there are now toxic substances that may be coursing through the body undetected because the pimple that everybody saw was broken. Sometimes the worst thing you can do is pop a swelling, because on occasion there is kind of a protective capsule that is built to contain that poison, and if you just mash on it, you might break the bottom portion of it and what was contained therein will spread throughout the body. Politicians will say, let's do anything just so we're doing something. Something it not always good enough. What will happen to these people if you lock them up? Any treatment? When they come out, what are they going to be? The lion was caged too long and he comes forth roaring, and then what do you say? Well, we need stronger punishments, harsher penalties; build more prisons, more jails. And that's not going to happen on this bill except with great difficulty. We're reaching or approaching the time of the political season when people are going to be running for Governor, House of Representatives, eventually U.S. Senate. A big splash has to be made. I'm still concerned about the encroachments on the rights of people who haven't done anything who are using a legal substance, and an attempt to make it difficult for people who are going to find a way around the law. You're going to inconvenience all of the law-abiding citizens. I want to see how many of these gun carriers and gun toters who favor that for law-abiding citizens are going to agree to inconvenience all these law-abiding citizens because now the hobby horse is methamphetamine. Most of the methamphetamine that is in this country is not made by these people who cook it in this country. That's not where most of it comes from. They know where most of it is coming from. But this is politically potent, and I'm going to resist it. There are older people in my community, for example, who take care of children under the age of 18. Sudafed has been legal.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Those children cannot go to the store and get it for grandma or auntie because they're not 19 and they don't have identification. The older people don't have vehicles. Many of them don't have identification cards. Some of them