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dumping spot for pseudoephedrine, or not pseudoephedrine, but for methamphetamine. And I will look with interest as to how we proceed here. I think Senator Beutler's amendment is worthy. And so I'll return the rest of my time back to the Chair and see how we proceed from here. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. On with discussion. Senator Brown, followed by Senator Flood. Is Senator Brown on the floor? I do not see her. We will pass over here and, Senator Flood, you're recognized.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, you know, there's some in this state, maybe some in this body, that will say that they don't know enough about meth and they're not for sure what it does or what the impact is on someone taking meth or using meth or being around meth. It's inconceivable to me and the people in my district that you wouldn't know what methamphetamines is, but the fact is, this scourge is going to raise a new generation of felons in Nebraska. It's a Class IV felony to possess, it's a Class III felony to manufacture, and it is going to take over our youngest generation. And I don't want to be an alarmist and I don't want to ring bells that don't need to be rung. Sit down in your district court and watch the people that are walking through that court and you will see your neighbors and your friends and these children that are no more than 18 years old, don't understand what's going on. They've got a felony now. They're addicted to meth. We send them to prison, sit them there, and nothing happens, no treatment. But that's a separate issue. Let's talk about what this drug does. Taking it just once can lead to a lifetime addiction. Just one time for a 14-year-old and you've got somebody on the public roll for the rest of their life, trying to get them back on track. The average meth offender commits 63 crimes per year on average. Now granted, most of those are nonviolent crimes, like stealing Sudafed; going to the Hy-Vee up in Norfolk, taking all the Sudafed boxes they can get, putting the wrappers behind the bread and taking the pills out so that they can make meth. That's what's happening right now. How do I know? Well, my community has been affected and yours has as well, maybe not to the extent, but those defendants that robbed the U.S. Bank in Norfolk, they were on meth, and what would have been a bank