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to some things. I don't want to put individuals who are...who are not trained to be law enforcement individuals in the position of having to do that, and so I have some concerns and...but we absolutely have to slow down the access to these precursor chemicals, and that is something that is a legitimate Now, the amendment that is before us has to do with the penalties. And I understand what Senator Chambers said in terms of people who are addicts and just adding penalties to them and not providing treatment in our correctional facilities, and we are going to have to do more of that. And methamphetamine is one of the drugs that is the hardest to counsel your way out of. It's the most...one of the most addictive substances. And so what we're going to have to do in terms of substance abuse programs is going to be much more substantive than what we've been doing with some of the other drug counseling that we have, and we are going to have to deal with that, too, Senator Chambers, but the...having penalties for...especially for those individuals who are not small-time addicts, but the ones that are...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...that are making this stuff in great quantities. But as to the piece of home...the homemade...the danger of homemade meth, the danger also is what can happen with some of the chemicals that are used when individuals who are out of control don't really know what they're doing other than what they may have heard from a friend who may have also been out of control, what they're doing with that and how that could impact all of us. I think Senator Flood made a really good case that this is something that we absolutely have to address. Is LB 117 the perfect answer? Probably not. Nothing that we do is exactly perfect, but we have to continue to make sure that we are doing the right things in society to address those issues that have proven to be a problem. And I think the most compelling...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: ...information is what has happened in border states. Thank you.