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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JOHNSON: We're certainly not doing very well at this point in time. But the crisis is here regarding the meth. I think we do need to cut the head off of the problem now and I think that LB 117, with not a logbook but a computer registration, is the best available thing that we have at this time. Let's not forget about the other, however. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. And it was Senator Dwite Pedersen. I'm sorry for the mistake. Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, this month I completed 23 years as a substance abuse counselor. I have worked specifically in this field of drug and alcohol addiction and, yes, this stuff is bad. It is by far the worst substance I've seen come along in my 23 years as a counselor. The euphoria that goes with the use of methamphetamine is absolutely far better than anything that's ever been made, and a lot of people become addicted immediately. And then they chase their tail the rest of their lives, and I mean the rest of their lives without treatment, trying to find that same euphoria that they had the first time. It's different than alcohol, because very few people...I shouldn't say very few, but around 10 to 15 percent of the population becomes addicted to alcohol. That means that we have 85 percent to 90 percent that can use it without addiction. The picture that was handed out of this young lady is something I have seen on almost a weekly basis for the last five years. The massive weight loss, the rotting of the teeth, and the chasing and fighting to find out when they're going to get their next hit is unbelievable. Now, I'm telling you my experiences, as I see it as a drug and alcohol counselor, of the people who come to me. I don't treat them. I do not treat meth addicts people because I cannot. I have not found one who could make it in outpatient treatment, and outpatient treatment is what I do. We need inpatient treatment. I'm not sure this bill answers everything. I don't like the idea of just going out and grabbing every meth pusher and throwing them in jail, because my experience has been the ones who are cooking it are also users of it. But I can