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that's problematic, but look. Here's where we're at. This is not regulation and attacking the meth cooks. We find any type of product where we're destroying...any type of ingredient, or any type of product where we're destroying people's lives, we're going to try to do something about it as public policymakers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR FRIEND: That's our nature.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. On with discussion. Senator Dwite Pedersen, following by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I will not speak long. I do want the body to know that I'm listening to the debate very closely, and Senator Engel talked about education, and I really believe that's one of the biggest things in the world. And we've got to get down to doing this education about not just no, no, no, but why no? I've had some success with trying to teach what I call the education on addiction period. What is addiction? Addiction is something that, in any case, that gives pleasure to some area of your life, thinking, thought, or actions. And not just why...of no, you can't use it, but why some of this...how this pleasure will end up turning around and being your worst enemy. I can tell you like I told you yesterday, in my years of counseling, that it wasn't too many years ago that we had some meth. And all of the brochures and law enforcement agencies have put them out, and all the groups that are against meth have been fighting it ever since, and the meth use is still going up. All the locking up, all the getting more stringent on the laws and punishments have not cut down meth use. Meth use is going up. I'm not against this bill, but I don't...but I'm not very optimistic that it's going to do a whole lot of changing, in my experience. I haven't got the answers, but I think we together need to start thinking out of the box, and I think treatment is really too