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But if you're a nonwhite, meth has no impact on you whatsoever. It's like white people used to say, if you hit a black person in the head, you won't hurt them. Well, they should have talked to me about that before they made that generalization. But these are some of the things I'm going to talk about, and it will show you why I'm not going to be panicked and stampeded, like others will be, into putting all kind of restrictions on people, and you walk away feeling like you've done something. This bill, even if you had the logbook, is a Band-Aid. One newspaper account upped the amount the percentage of methamphetamine that comes into the state, at from 90 to 95 percent. You've not going to touch the availability of meth; you're not going to touch the number of people who use it. This is a "feel-good," politically-motivated bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It will mislead the public into thinking that if it's passed, something is going to be done about meth use, and nothing will be done. Nothing. And as for that logbook, I don't want anybody on this floor to be misled about what that was for. The purpose of that was not to start a database. It was supposed to be an intimidation factor, concluding that somebody who's manufacturing meth won't want to sign it. That's all it was for, not to create a database. That's why you cannot let law enforcement provide the solution to social problems. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Flood, followed by Senators Aguilar, Stuthman, Combs, Friend, and others.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President. I was interested, listening to Senator Chambers talk about how a court would deal with somebody that committed first degree murder while under the influence of methamphetamines, and I find it interesting that, as a lawyer, he would also know that there is no defense in law to intoxication. If you're drunk and you're driving a car and you happen to commit motor vehicle homicide, that's still motor vehicle homicide, because it was your choice to take that alcohol, or do those drugs. Nothing changes up in Madison