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SENATOR STUTHMAN: And they continue to use it, just so that they can feel good. So I think we got to...we got to be very conscious as to what we want to accomplish with this. I think this bill is good, but it's only a small step. We got to concentrate more on prevention and concentrate on getting rid of the source of this deadly drug. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Combs, followed by Senator Friend.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I had signed onto this bill yesterday, because I do agree that meth is a real problem. I did go to see the state patrol make meth, and it was amazing to me how little it took--virtually a handful of meth tablets--and Senator Stuthman and Senator Aguilar were there with me to see and Margaret, too, that they took that and put them in a blender and came up with the powder. And the guy that did it was...had worked undercover busting meth labs. And it took just a little over an hour to make a gram of meth out of this handful of pills, and they said that was about \$600 in street value. So it is very easily made with small quantities. But I do agree that we have statistics and data right here, showing us that limiting the availability of it does limit the number of meth labs, but the negative that has happened, when other states around us have done this same thing is that now, the meth labs, they have fewer, but guess what? They've crossed the border and come into Nebraska. I do appreciate what Senator Chambers has been saying, because I myself am very concerned about mothers who are under the age of 18 that might not be able to purchase medicine for their children. Additionally, if you have a mother who's home that maybe just has a single mom with two children and she's got to stay home and take care of the sick baby, and she might have to send that 13- or 14-year-old brother or sister down to the drugstore to get some cold medicine for the baby. So I see that as a real problem. I'm not sure what the answer is, other than what I already got told that I couldn't do, was the liquids to be excluded, because the liquids are specific pediatric formulations, the liquids and the gelcaps, that could be left out. My original understanding, from the state patrol training that I received down at the lab, was that they were not as