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of the big problems, I'm sure, from the point of view of the prosecutor, is that these are infractions and misdemeanors, and not Class IV felonies, which is the case with the current law that requires intent to manufacture. So the penalty is small, probably offsetting the broadness of the definition in the...I'm guessing, with respect to the debate that we had on that bill originally. So I just wanted to point out those different approaches to you, and...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...indicate to you that I think you should insist on something more here, because with a little thought, something more can be done, just in this one area.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Actually, when I turned my light on, my thought was, and I think I'll stick to that, that I wanted to stand up and give Senator Chambers some credibility, which I don't very often do. But I wanted to give some of my experiences in the counseling field, the years that I've been there, you people, so you have some understanding. When Senator Chambers talks about what happens in his neighborhood, my ears perk up, because I have seen what he said happened, over and over again. You can see it yourself, people, if you go out to the prisons, and visit the jails. We have more minorities per capita, locked up, than we do white people. If you sit in a courtroom long enough, you will see it happen over and over again. And I don't think that's saying that we're racist, but it is saying that we are still putting down people who don't seem to be in our own class, our own neighborhoods. And one of the ways that I can prove that to you is, this meth problem is not new. All of you know that, and I've already told you that. But it's only come a real concern when we see people of stature, whether it be financial or political, have loved ones who end up in the addiction, and on the death rolls from this terrible chemical. We need to remember all people, and not just when it hits home. And I think the people in here do know that, but I want to bring it up