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they can stop running after these meth labs, they can give more time to stopping the drug from coming in. Well, these other drugs that they're supposed to be stopping are not being manufactured in this state. They haven't stopped them. They are a political body, and if they can create enough panic, they can cause local law enforcement agencies, those who fund them, to say, give us more cops on the street.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It's now your time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: State patrol, give us more patrol. Yes?

SENATOR CUDABACK: It's now your time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, thank you, Mr. President. Give us more state troopers. They're not going to stop meth. They're not going to stop it from being used, no matter what you do. So at least put this bill in perspective, that the Legislature feels a sense of desperation, futility, and impotence. There is, practically speaking, nothing the Legislature can do to address this problem in any meaningful way, if meaningfully addressing it means you reduce significantly the availability of methamphetamine. The Legislature can no more meaningfully address this problem than it can address farm subsidies that are controlled by the federal government. Everybody can moan and whine and talk about how unfair they are--even I have done it. But there is nothing a state legislature can do about that problem, even though the problem exists within this state. We need to settle down, step back, take a deep breath, and look at what it is we're doing, and if you accomplish everything this bill is talking about, will you have made a dent in the use of methamphetamine in this state? No! Acknowledge it. Don't pretend. That's what I mean when I say it's feel good. The logbook was not intended to create a database. It was not. The cops admit it. That's not what it's for. It's to be an intimidating factor. People who cook meth supposedly are so paranoid that if they had to sign their name to anything, they won't come to that store. That what's the psychological gimmickry was that attached to the logbook. There was no requirement that cops have any reason to go look at these logbooks, but they could just go and ransack them. They can