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SENATOR FLOOD:      ...in Nebraska? Aren't you putting the same cost on the working poor by banning it that I would be by putting it as a Schedule V drug?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If this product is as devastating as people say, we would simply have to say, the products that contain it are not available in Nebraska; you'll have to find a substitute.

SENATOR FLOOD: Is alcohol devastating?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I have said that I would ban it. But I haven't attempted to, because that's not the approach that I'm taking. And I do not say ban this. I'm saying, if what I'm hearing is true, this product is more...the end result, not the Sudafed itself, but what it would be used for...is more devastating than alcohol and tobacco. So ban it. If it was no more harmful than those two, we wouldn't be having this discussion, I'm sure.

SENATOR FLOOD: So you don't...oh, is that the end? You don't support the restrictions on the cold medicine, but you do support the restrictions on alcohol and tobacco? See, I don't draw a line between the two. You have, because I...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Flood.

SENATOR FLOOD: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: On with discussion, Senator Price, followed by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR PRICE: Mr. President, members of the body. (Cough) Excuse me. (Laugh) I was just offered some Sudafed by Senator Chambers. This interim, I probably was contacted by maybe seven persons, suggesting that we introduce legislation to address, after a long length of time of needing it, the meth problem. And so I was preparing a bill, found out Senator Bourne was preparing a bill, found out the Governor was preparing a bill. And with the help of the state troopers, this is the bill. It is a good bill. I'm supporting it. I had a phone call one evening at my home. It was from a young man. And he was