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waste that is routinely dumped into streams, fields, and sewage systems. Methamphetamine-induced paranoia has led to numerous murders and suicides. I believe we as state leaders need to take a stand. It's an expectation that our constituents believe that we should do. It's time to address it. We identify, we shut down,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR PRICE: ...but this is the time. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Price. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, Senator Chambers and I start from a similar but not quite the same starting point, in the sense that we feel that this bill in its current form does very little. He would argue that it even misleads the public into thinking that we're doing something. In any event, I think where I differ from Senator Chambers...and maybe I don't differ from Senator Chambers. Maybe Senator Chambers has always been listening...willing to listen to reasonable solutions. But I think what he's saying and what we're searching for here, hopefully, is a way to make this bill more meaningful, to do more about the meth problem, to the extent that we can, within the bounds of reason, considering all of the interests that we need to balance. And I hope you're all willing to search for ways to do more, because I think they're out there, and I think the Judiciary Committee has in fact already identified some of them, and we just need to get together and build on what they've done. But I would like to ask Senator Flood a couple of questions, if I might. And Senator Bourne, maybe I should be addressing them to you. And I'll switch over and address them to you if it seems more appropriate. But I wanted to start with Senator Flood, since I think he does have at least some prosecutorial background. Is that right, Senator Flood? You did used to prosecute, did you not?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Flood.