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SENATOR CUDABACK: So ordered. Mr. Clerk, anything further on FA188? Nothing further on FA188. Open for discussion on FA188. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I would like to ask a question of Senator Bourne, if I may.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR BOURNE: Certainly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bourne, this division deals basically with penalties. Isn't that correct?

SENATOR BOURNE: Penalties? Yes, Senator Chambers. It also deals with the amount of pseudoephedrine-based product an individual can purchase in a 24-hour period.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. Thank you. Members of the Legislature, that aspect of the bill I'm not going to spend a lot of time discussing at this point, because at any place along the course of our handling of this bill, those things can be dealt with, because they're specific numbers, specific penalties, and it doesn't require, from my standpoint, a lot of discussion on the floor other than to say that we might have to look at some of them. I want to consider how we treat people who have an amount that might show the person is a user, as opposed to that which would designate a person as a dealer or a trader or a manufacturer, and so forth. I want to go back to some of the general things that I want to get across about what the Legislature is doing. Senator Erdman has posed some very searching questions to me, and they show that he has thought about this. I've thought about it. So I'm going to just kind of discourse about the subject matter of our exchanges. One of the things he asked me was if I really mean what I...well, he didn't say "really," but if my position is that the majority of meth that's used in the state comes from outside; therefore, what the state is attempting to do here is not of a great amount of consequence, should the state do nothing. Is that what I'm saying? That's not what I'm saying. I'm indicating that there