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state. So you're not even going to cut out the 10 percent that may be locally or domestically produced. If you're not going to get rid of all of them, that increases the amount that's going to be available when you add it to what is coming from outside this state. I'd like to ask Senator Bourne a question.

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

SENATOR BOURNE: Certainly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bourne, we've heard various law enforcement individuals and their agencies give the representation that if they didn't have to commit so much effort to these meth labs within the state, more time could be given to trying to interdict that which is coming into the state from outside.

SENATOR BOURNE: That...absolutely, Senator Chambers. You've characterized the testimony we received exactly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, Senator Bourne, I don't recall any of those agencies ever telling us what resources or how many more people would be committed to this effort. I could have just missed it. Was any given that you can recollect?

SENATOR BOURNE: You know, Senator Chambers, I don't remember asking that question. I don't remember anyone on the committee asking that question. But I do think--maybe Senator Pederson can comment to this--I do think that there is in the appropriations bill some additional officers that are going to be given to the state patrol. Now, I don't know if that has anything to do with the meth or not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Bourne. And that's suitable for my purposes. I don't believe more cops are going to be put to work on this issue. Why should they? They don't stop other drugs. If they happen to see somebody who looks like what they call, quote, a Mexican...and they've stopped Native Americans because they thought they were Mexicans because they have long, straight, black hair, these highly-trained state