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SENATOR STUTHMAN: And that makes it a greater penalty by increasing it one level.

SENATOR BOURNE: Right, one level of felony if you have a firearm in your possession while you're possessing, manufacturing or trafficking meth. So again, this isn't...this is...and this is...when I say "possessing," it's the significant amount. So it will be...this wouldn't be the person like the school teacher who got arrested the other day. It would be the person that's out there making or manufacturing large quantities of this product.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay. Thank you. This is the concern that I have in my local area and it's also a concern of the law enforcement, and I'll give you just a primary example of some episodes that happened in my community. There are several homes where you know that it is...it seems to be that that's where there's an exchange of drugs taking place. Towards the weekend, Thursday afternoon, it's almost like a drive-up of McDonald's because so many cars there. There are so many...so many cars. from of state, from other counties, out communities that come to that establishment, you know, all hours of the day and the night. Law enforcement did, you know, did come onto that property and did take several individuals in custody. What is a real concern of the law enforcement is, is the next morning, you know, they just make their bail. They're on the phone. They know the numbers to call to get \$1,000 here and \$1,000 there to make bail. You know, within a few days, you know, it's going on again. And law enforcement has talked to me they said, you know, there's really...you know, penalties aren't stiff enough, you know, because we're really not accomplishing what we want to do, and I'll totally agree with that. But I think realistically, you know, should we be making these penalties greater or should we be working on the other end of it, the source of it; you know, get rid of the source so that we don't get the people in this situation? And I'll totally agree with Senator Aguilar. You know, if we can make a little bit of a difference with this bill, it's going to be an accomplishment. It's not going to reach nearly what I would like to see it do. I would like to see, you know, since the main ingredient and the only ingredient, you know, to make