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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: ...is pseudoephedrine, you know, maybe we need to take a drastic step, eliminate pseudoephedrine from being sold in Nebraska. I know that's not very sweet words to the pharmaceutical companies because this is a highly profitable business to be in. You know, I think we need...we need to really, really concentrate on, you know, do we want to accomplish something or do we want to make just a little bit of a dent? But I think if we make a little bit of a dent to start with, it is an accomplishment. We need to work on the prevention part of it. And I think, you know, and I truly support this area, this division of the bill, and I think we need to continue and expand on that. Otherwise, we're not going to accomplish anything. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Further discussion on FA189? Senator Aguilar, followed by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Want to talk a little bit about something that...the discussion before recess was going around why the federal government hasn't done something to this point. I just want to point out that they have introduced legislation. Right now they have Senate Bill 103 which was introduced by Senator Talent from Missouri. What that bill does is make all pseudoephedrine products Schedule V drugs. Now, what would happen if that was passed and came to Nebraska? We would be impacted a little differently states because our Schedule V regulations are than most different. Most states say that you...a Schedule V drug can only be purchased at a pharmacy. In Nebraska, however, Schedule V drugs, you have to have a prescription and they can only be purchased from a pharmacy. Now, I think that would impact Nebraska detrimentally and that would have the effect that Senator Chambers alluded to. That would have an impact on poor people. That's not what we want to accomplish with this bill. So I, if that were to pass, I already have an amendment ready that would make Nebraska's Schedule V regulations the same