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the opening on FA205, offered by Senator Chambers to the third component of the divided committee amendments. Open for discussion, Senator Chambers followed by Senator Aguilar.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate what Dwite Pederson handed out to us, "The Meth Menace," but looking at the construction of this statement on the front of it, "Battling the fast-paced spread of methamphetamine may mean attacking it from several fronts." No, you attack it on several fronts, not from. You attack it on these different fronts. Senator Dwite Pedersen didn't write that. The geniuses who put together this document did that. Do you see why I tell you that the use of language is something that I'm cursed to pay attention to? We should proceed with care in the language we use to draft legislation. We should proceed with even more care in the content of that legislation. I'm going to go back to what I was saying about why I object to a person having to be 18 years old. Farther down in one of the other divisions a person would have to show identification and it's specified as being an operator's license or state identification card as proof of identification. I don't think any of that should be done. You are not going to achieve your purpose if you put all that in the bill. You can harm the interests of innocent people. Why do harm when you can't achieve what the alleged purpose of the bill is? I'm not going to go around here and call the names of senators and ask them do they care about elderly people, because as I look around here, you're not as old as I am, but everybody has got some years on them, so they have parents who probably could be described as elderly. But maybe their parents are not in the circumstances I'm describing. They have somebody who will go to the store and make the purchase for them, so they don't care. Here's the example. If I got a 500-pound table and poor Arnie of the Ernie and Arnie team would walk past that table and one of the legs would come loose and that table, having three legs, cannot stand upright and it would fall, and that corner without a leg landed on his foot. And Arnie responded like other human beings said, ouch--well, that's what I would say; he uses more colorful language--and I look at him and I say, Arnie, what's the matter with you? Why are you making all that noise? He says, well, this table is on my foot. I say, I don't feel anything. You don't hear me carrying on