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balances, and it's enough for me that you were willing...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...to talk about it before Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. On with discussion of the Chambers amendment, Senator Stuthman, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I want to expand a little bit more on a concern that Senator Chambers had with the elderly being able to get their cold medicine and their allergy medicine. I really respect the elderly people. I feel they have the ability, they've got the knowledge, they have the discipline to organize themselves as to be able to get it in a timely fashion. I don't think that's going to be a real inconvenience for them. But the issue that I'm going to dwell on is part of that article what Senator Dwite Pedersen put out and it was in the legislative magazine. It's a study from Minnesota, and I'll just read you the quote, "Meth plays a role in up to 81 percent of child protection cases reported in Minnesota. The rate of abuse and neglect is particularly acute in rural areas." Now these individuals, the children that are in and around meth-addicted people and the manufacturing of the meth, those are the individuals that can't take care of themselves, you know. We are a little bit concerned about the elderly not being able to get the medication, but what are we doing to the youth with this addictive drug around in the atmosphere, in the environment where these youth are? To me, one of the worst things for a youth is taking them out of their home, even if it is a bad home, even if the environment isn't very good, putting them in another environment. Eighty-one percent realistically shouldn't have to leave their home and go and stay somewhere else. Those are the people that I'm really concerned about. Those are the ones that can't help themselves. Those are the individuals that are scared, petrified to death, when law enforcement or Health and Human Services or someone from the foster care or foster parents come in and remove them from their atmosphere and their