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half...or a pint if it's sold in that manner. I disagree with what Senator Beutler said about law enforcement people not enforcing the law if the penalty is not great enough. I don't mean I disagree with what he declares to be a fact. I disagree with the idea that we ought to enhance the penalty just to get the cops to do what they swore to do. When they take this job, Senator Beutler, they swear, they swear an oath to uphold the Not because the penalty is great or the penalty is small, they swear to uphold the law because when they become aware of a violation, they are to act. And in the same way that I don't want to enhance penalties to give leverage to drug courts, I don't want to enhance punishments just to get cops to do what they swore to do. If they don't think enough of their oath to enforce the law, all you wind up doing is making some people pay higher fines if a cop decides selectively to get this person rather than that one, so I will oppose that, even though Senator Bourne and Senator Beutler favor it. When I said this book should not be there, I mean it. Senator Beutler said, how can there be enforcement if they can't check to see what a person has purchased someplace else? Well, the only way a cop can do that is get all of the pages for a certain day or period of time, have copies made, then compare all the names and see whether or not that person has made more than one purchase. If they happen to catch a person who they think is suspicious and they should have to have probable cause, then they could just go in to every store that might sell Sudafed and get a page out of all their books and then check to see if this person's name is on the page. It's so impractical, even the cops when they came said as I questioned them, they would not do that. That's not what they're interested in doing. When I said they might just go look at these books out of curiosity, that's not what they're interested in doing. They're not really interested in looking at the books. That's not it. You miss what those who favor the book gave as the reason for having the book. That's to increase the paranoia...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of somebody who might be a meth cooker coming to buy the product. That's the only purpose, not to used for anything else. When I criticize the bill, it's not, as