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you have to be 18 years old to participate if you're going to be out there buying Sudafed for meth labs. And I don't want you to participate in the first place, but let's put a limit on the age and let's get those IDs out and let's check the IDs. And maybe in some pharmacy across Nebraska, there's somebody there that says, oh, that's John's boy; he's been buying a lot of Sudafed lately. I didn't know him but I saw his ID and that matches the same address. On the off-chance that that pharmacist or that retailer will say that, John, hey, your son has been in buying Sudafed. And John says, no, he didn't have a cold. Hey, maybe we tipped somebody off. John's boy is doing meth. At least look into it. Give the parent a shot at maybe finding out what's going on, if they don't know already. For those reasons, I think it's appropriate. Eighteen is appropriate. Let's do something bold here and I think this bill is the step in a right direction, and it makes a significant step forward. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Flood. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I, too, support the bill and want to thank Senator Bourne and Senator Aguilar and all those that have worked on this issue. I do support FA190, which includes the age limit. I do not support FA205. I agree that there should be an age limit. I feel that that is important. I also...I still have some great concerns about not using some kind of signature when the Sudafed or whatever is purchased. We have to sign for prescriptions, as I said this morning. All they need is a card, sign your name, put it in a file. That doesn't seem like it's asking that much, but we'll have that discussion later. And I'd like to turn the rest of my time over to Senator Bourne.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Senator Stuhr, I appreciate your comments very much. And I'll tell you again, what we tried to do was recognize the wide diversity or geography of the state, and it just seemed to make sense that the logbook in a paper form wasn't the most practical thing, but I appreciate your words regarding the bill. I am opposed to Senator Chambers'