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the result that I desire. You'll get your bill, you'll get the votes,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the Governor will sign it. Thank you, Mr....was that my third time on this?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I think that was your first time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're recognized again.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So Mr. President, to pick up where I left off, the Governor will sign it, there will be a great hurrah throughout the state, except that some people are going to condemn the Legislature because the bill isn't strong enough and it doesn't go far enough. They'll write about needing the logbook, without understanding the only purpose that law enforcement wanted it to serve, which is to increase the alleged paranoia of these purported cookers of methamphetamine. That's what this is all about. It's a sham. Look, if you were not harming ordinary people, I would not have said as much on this bill as I've said, because I know it's not going to do anything. And it's not because of the way it's drafted. You cannot get a handle on this problem. All of these handouts we've gotten talking about the detrimental effects of methamphetamine will, I think, be universally acceded to. Everybody will say, yeah, what you're saying is true. Yeah, it's terrible. Something needs to be done. We don't know what to do, so we're going to do something, because something is better than nothing. And since we can't get the bad guys, we're going to get the good We're going to punish these old people. We're going to put burdens on retailers, though that's not my primary concern. But there will be people who, unless they're 19, cannot hold a job which currently they can, and they're dealing not only with a legal product, but one that brings healthful results. All of this reaching to equate Sudafed with beer and tobacco is just that, reaching, because there is no valid argument to support what is being done. You know the only reason this bill is