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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then I'll wait till I'm recognized for the last time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Howard comes before you, Senator, so Senator Howard, you're recognized.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body. I'm going to share some information, and I'll read it verbatim: The saddest aspect of the methamphetamine menace is the children of the users who live in unimaginable squalor, amidst the acid use in manufacturing the drug, frequently going without food, medical attention, or even baths for days and weeks on end. They are at risk for respiratory ailments, as well as brain and organ damage, because of their constant exposure to the chemicals used in making the drug. Babies born to the addicts are often addicted to the drug themselves and are frequently undeveloped and premature, according to the University of Minnesota's Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare. And then there are the risks that come from being near firearms, and the violent encounters that are a daily aspect of the life in the world of meth users, not to mention what can happen to children when their parents are in a meth-induced, psychotic state, or a deep sleep. When you hear this, you have to stop and think. Possibly the very lucky ones are the ones that do go into foster care. So this is the time to address this, and I hope we move on and get this settled. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Howard. Senator Chambers, and this will be your third time, as you know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Byars just called to my attention, and it was in the paper, that there's an STD, sexually transmitted disease epidemic in Omaha, and I was aware of that. But I'm talking about what would be discussed on the floor of the Legislature. The Legislature won't discuss it, because the Legislature is concerned only when there's a lot of publicity about something. Let the publicity go away, and the interest goes away. But at any rate, back to what we're discussing here. My views are not considered in line with that is desired. I'd like to ask Senator...well, I won't ask him a question on this one. I'm going to wait till we get to the next