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SENATOR BOURNE: Great question.

SENATOR JANSSEN: How many would it take of, say, what's the least you could buy, two packages? There must be a fuller strength, or a greater strength tablet. How many would that take for someone to stir up a pot of this meth?

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, you bet. Nine grams of pseudoephedrine base would convert to about 8.2 grams of methamphetamine, which is about the size of a nickel. And to give you a little bit of perspective, the amount that an individual needs to get high is variable, depending on how addicted they are. As you become more addicted, your tolerance level increases, so of course you need more of the product. And then also it depends on the purity of the product. But essentially, a quarter gram is considered a single usage. So 9 grams of pseudoephedrine base makes about 8.2 grams of meth, and you need about a quarter gram to get high, but the limit...if you notice, I said 9 grams. The limit is 1,440 milligrams, so 1,440 milligrams would...I would assume would, you know, if you were talking about converting what you could buy for your personal use, you could see that it's not very practical as it relates to cooking it down to make meth.

SENATOR JANSSEN: I see. That's kind of what I thought, Senator Bourne. And I'm concerned about someone, oh, say in Senator Loudon's district, who is, I don't know, 50 miles away from the nearest general store, you know, is he going to have to make more trips to the store to get this? You know, and it's going to put a hardship on some people, and I realize that. And it's too bad that we have to do this. Also, I do understand what the problem is, and I can't understand why anyone in their right mind would even make this stuff, let alone use it. So...and that's the reason for the bill. You know, it's tough to regulate something like this, and we're putting a burden on some people by doing it. And so I listen to Senator Chambers talk about the problems he would have in his district, and you would have in yours, too, Senator Bourne. Some of the older people, they don't have access to a store at their fingertips, so it is a problem. But I think I'm going to support this, although I