TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE Transcriber's Office FLOOR DEBATE

April 27, 2005 LB 117

will do it reluctantly, because I do believe...

SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...that you should be able to get a little more of this, though. Too bad, too bad it has to be that way. With that, thank you very much for your time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Madam President, I would like to ask Senator Bourne a question.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Bourne, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR BOURNE: Of course.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bourne, we have two substances mentioned here, pseudoephedrine and phenylpropanolamine. Are those two substances the same?

SENATOR BOURNE: They are very similar, Senator Chambers. Phenylpropanolamine is a substance similar to pseudoephedrine. It's used to make amphetamine. However, it was pulled by the FDA a couple of years ago. It's still available in other countries, however.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So this substance was used in which legal product, if you know? Was it used in cold compounds and medicines, also?

SENATOR BOURNE: Yes, I assume that's the case, but for some reason, the FDA, two years ago, pulled the use of this drug. Now I will tell you that you know as well as I do that oftentimes when you make one change in our statutes that, you know, the word "phenylpropanolamine" is used throughout the statute, and it was just easier, less confusing, to change it the way we did, rather than to eliminate all references to that