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glass door, such as most of them are doing nowadays, if that wasn't perhaps probably enough to take care of the problem. I think no matter how much legislation you do, they're going to find something to probably make that stuff out of it. When you have read legislation to work with these type of drugs that they're using, the Sudafed, and some of Pfizer's ingredients, then will the next thing be then we have to do away with these ether starter fluid, these ether bombs. Will you not be able to buy them in bunches, where on your construction sites and that they usually buy them by the boxfuls, in order to get some of that equipment started in the wintertime. And then when we get down to buying these different drugs, if someone lives out in the country or has a hay crew that has quite a few people working for them in the summertime, and they send someone to town to buy it, are they able to buy enough to take care of any problems that might arise? And if someone decides to sell them little bit of it, are they going to be classified as a So I'm beginning to wonder if we have too many criminal? amendments to this thing, and if we're losing sight of what we were trying to do to start with, which is to stop the manufacture of this. And right now, instead of stopping the manufacture, we're just creating a place for people to be really, I guess, criminalized for what they're trying to do to make a living, the average person that's running small stores and retail outfits, and if they're being penalized as much as some of the people that would perhaps be wanting to buy this So I guess with that, my concern is, I haven't voted for some of the amendments. I thought this 18-year-old, or 19 and selling to 18-year-olds I thought was getting somewhat restrictive. I didn't see where that had that much to do with making the stuff. If someone is making it, why, they'll find some way or another to buy it, anyway. They'll just go to a larger town where they can find more stores. So I thought the age limit was probably excessive. I'm in agreement with Senator Chambers that 18 is way too high, and whether there should be that much of an age limit on it, anyway. The stuff is rather expensive, so I think it isn't something that kids are going to buy in place of candy, anyway. So with that, what time I have left I'll turn it over to Senator Beutler, if he so desires it. Thank you.