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SENATOR BOURNE: You did, Senator Burling, and if you can give me one second, I'll get...

SENATOR BURLING: Okay, what I'm getting at there, if you have the figures there, a few years ago my doctor prescribed Claritin-D, (inaudible) in prescription form...

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, if I could just...if I could just stop you right there. If you had a prescription, you would not be limited in this regard. This is for only over-the-counter.

SENATOR BURLING: Where does it say that?

SENATOR BOURNE: Well, in the bill. I mean, if you have a prescription, if your doctor says that you can buy 500 tablets of Claritin-D, that's what it is. This is over-the-counter and it's different than the prescription your doctor would give you.

SENATOR BURLING: Okay, well, as I was reading the amendment, I thought it looked like it said, shall not receive or otherwise accept...

SENATOR BOURNE: Over-the-counter.

SENATOR BURLING: Over-the-counter.

SENATOR BOURNE: I'll get you the exact language, Senator Burling.

SENATOR BURLING: Okay.

SENATOR BOURNE: But that's kind of the point that I was going to make. I had my light punched on here. A lot of the pharmaceutical companies are trying to get a competitive advantage, and quite honestly, it's starting to irritate me. And they are trying to get some liquids out, pediatric stuff out, and all they're trying to do is get a competitive advantage, and I hope that nobody in here is duped by that. This is about money, it's about greed on behalf of the pharmaceutical companies, and we can go into that. But if you have a prescription, your doctor could write you a prescription