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up, with all of them in alphabetical order, so that you can see immediately if somebody is buying an excessive amount, going from store to store. And you can't really tell that without any...if you don't have any sort of log at all, to begin with. So I think we need to make a decision to go in one direction or another, not to fool around with this stuff and inconvenience consumers and business people, disadvantage some of the business people, or we need to have a log at the point of sale, and we need to have a central database. And we need to do it and see what happens, and see if it has a positive effect. But we are neither fish or fowl now, and this Legislature needs to make a decision about where to go, and if we're going towards that central database, which is the only place that it makes sense for me to go, then we ought to take another step towards it and do as Oklahoma has done, and basically say, you need to set the logs up in the pharmacies and at the points of sale, and as soon as the state level, state patrol, wherever we put it...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...has their database in order, then the pharmacies will be compelled to forward information to that database, and the whole system will be in effect, and we might then have something that really works. And I think that might be worth the effort. But you're going to hear from Senator Chambers about the balances and the costs of going in that direction, and there are some.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, what Senator Beutler said made me think of a series of panels I saw in Blondie. Most people think the comic strip is Dagwood, but it's actually Blondie. He was lying in bed and Blondie was beside him with a book, and then she sat up. She said, Dagwood, those delicious fried egg sandwiches with sausage and cheddar are delicious. I really would like one right now. He said, you know, I was just thinking about that, jumped out of bed. And the next one shows him flipping an egg. He said, boy, the way she can read my mind is scary. Well, she knew the only thing he's ever thinking