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it, or that merchant is going to have to...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...stop selling these products or will have to stop whatever he or she is doing and always be there, or have somebody at least 19 there. Instead of going through all that trouble, you fire the 18-year-old and bring in somebody else. And that's what's being done in the name of fighting meth, and you're not going to fight it. You're taking a broom and going down on the beach and you're sweeping the ocean back, and you feel good because you're expending a lot of energy. You're tired, your muscles are sore the next day, and you come back out the next morning and at high tide, the water is farther up the beach than it was when you left yesterday. This is pointless, but I'm not going to try to stop you from doing it. After you're done it, I want you to be able to show me the results that you're saying you'll get, and I will definitely show you the results I'm telling you will be there. Nothing of substance will happen, and...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...there will be no substantial change. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Brown, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR BROWN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I am going to speak mostly to what Senator Beutler said, but I have to respond to Senator Chambers. He baited me into it. Twenty percent is twenty percent. Twenty percent...if we have 20 percent more time for enforcement, if we have 20 percent fewer lives ruined, if we have 20 percent of the potential for meth houses to explode, if we have that reduction, that's a substantial reduction. It's not addressing the entirety of the problem, but I think that it's doing something. And I will admit that this is just a piece of it, but I think that it is the piece that we have to do right now. The question that we're going to have to address is what we're willing to do, and