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probable cause? Or do you use it for prosecutorial purposes, so that if you have somebody that you find that you...that there's probable cause that they were making meth, you could substantiate the purchase of pseudoephedrine over a past period of time through the database? But I mean, there are still some issues that are presented. There's the technical issue of having the equipment available statewide, requiring that it be done at the point of sale, and how much we are comfortable with the capturing of personal information and the maintenance of a database in that regard. Senator Chambers, obviously, would not be comfortable with any sort of capturing of information. I think that there are ways that we can restrict it, in a way that it actually will accomplish much of what Senator Beutler wishes to do. But I...and I think that the...using some sort of a point-of-sale equipment and making sure that we are capturing the information statewide and that we're not relying on an individual to input data that may not be current. I think that if we're going to do something, we have to do it in a technical way rather than manually. But it will...it requires us to make some decisions about what...whether we're willing to do this, and at what level, and whether we are doing it mostly for the prevention of deterring somebody who comes in wishing to purchase, or whether we're doing it mostly for having the data that is actually substantiated data and current data and things like that. And so I think that it...we will require some further discussion of it. But it's not a great leap if we are using...asking the purchaser to provide the information...provide their ID card or their driver's license to a system where you could actually...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...swipe the card and capture that information. Then we have to decide, what are the limitations on the capturing and maintenance of that information that we feel comfortable with. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Kopplin, followed by Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR KOPPLIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body.