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their rights to do so, versus trying to control this essential input. And this is what we came up with. I feel that the showing of an operator's license or a state identification card...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...is a sufficient means of tempering people who want to go in and buy this in large quantities. So I think it's the least intrusive means to accomplish the goal we're trying to get at. We're not trying to put people in jail. We're trying to stop or limit the accessibility of pseudoephedrine. And again, I can't make that clear enough. And you know, Senator Beutler, you have a good point. But that...you know, it's...I don't think you can stop people from using methamphetamine if they truly want to do it, or if they're addicted. They'll find it. They'll go somewhere, you know, wherever state has weaker laws than us. They'll find it. What I'm saying is that if you can control this input, you can control the amount of meth labs that are in the state of Nebraska. The state patrol says that they spend 80 percent of their man-hours trying to stop 20 percent of the meth. And if we can stop this input, that will free up a lot of their time to focus on other areas of law enforcement, and make our communities safer. That, to me, is what the bill is all about.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne and Senator Wehrbein. Senator Louden, on AM1181.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. As I look at this amendment, I have...not necessarily Senator Beutler's amendment, but the FA192, Judiciary amendment, I have some concerns on it. When we have to start keeping a logbook on average sales that come through there, sure, I suppose it is some type of something that would help the law people considerably, to know who bought that, but there's so many ways that this can be used against people. It's...you know, it's unconscionable to think of the things that can happen with it. I have two or three...another question. When you ask for identification and you say in there a state card or a driver's license, should there be other means of