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what we need to be talking about is what we want in place. What are the most effective pieces? But I think that the basic piece that is this bill is absolutely essential for us to do. I disagree wholeheartedly that...with Senator Chambers, that it's not going to have an impact, because we...it may be a limited impact, based on the amount of homemade meth that there is available in the state of Nebraska, but it will have an impact on the homemade meth. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Chambers. And this will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. While I was on my way up here, I heard most of what Senator Brown said. And it's the same approach: It may do something; nobody can say what for sure. They won't talk about the other side that I continue to belabor. It is certainly doing something to the innocent citizens, those who have done nothing wrong, have no intent to do anything wrong. This is the same Legislature which grumbles and whines and complains about what they call unfunded mandates from the federal government, being told to do things that the conservative legislators deem to be too intrusive. When we who are at the state level enact bills of this kind in a panic, or to tag along behind other states, it is a mistake. I do believe in civil liberties. I believe in the right of citizens to be secure in their persons and their effects, not only from unreasonable searches and seizures by the law, meaning law enforcement, but unwise, unnecessary intrusions into their day-to-day activities by the Legislature. Making a purchase of Sudafed or one of these other products is a normal, ordinary activity. A scourge has reared its multiple heads--methamphetamine. There was another one that the young people were dealing with a while ago, but I can't remember what it was. They didn't call it ice, but it was something that had everybody in a tizzy, and I can't even remember the name of it now. Methamphetamine was a drug that the outlaw motorcyclists cornered the market on. People became aware of how to make this stuff in homes, garages, isolated rural areas, and sometimes in areas that are not so isolated. I have not heard anybody disagree with the devastating impact of methamphetamine, nor express opposition to the desirability of trying to eliminate