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day long. We just have to pick and choose what's right to regulate and what's wrong to regulate. And then we get together as a body and say, guess what, we can get those hard-core right-wingers like Mike Friend and Phil Erd...well, we can get those hard-core right-wingers,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FRIEND: ...and we can bring them into this type of regulation and we can deal with it. We can save lives with this. If I didn't believe that, I'd be running in an opposite direction, just like Senator Chambers and anybody else that's running in an opposite direction here. I would run. But I think we can, because I think we have statistics that back that up. And nobody has refuted any of those statistics yet. We've wailed and we've bounced the stuff off the walls, but we haven't refuted it. I haven't heard it. Is prune juice next? Let Senator Chambers speak to it. I don't know. What's next? Something is going to be next, and we'll deal with it. Right now, it's pseudoephedrine, and right now, it's an active ingredient in creating meth labs in this state and any other state. We can make a...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. Before we go on, I think it's only right to recognize our Assistant Clerk's birthday, Dick Brown up here. So let's congratulate him on his birthday. (Applause) That gives an excuse to thank the Clerk's Office for doing such a great job in keeping us in line. We all appreciate it. On with discussion. Seeing no lights on, Senator Beutler...is Senator Beutler on the...Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close on AM1181.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, you will recall that on the first stage of debate I indicated to you that I had agreed with Senator Bourne with respect to the two amendments that I'd filed, that General File would be an exploratory time, for me, anyway, to get our bearings on how we