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her head dope fiends comes into the store, what might happen now? Who knows? But nobody has been able to point out an example of a robbery taking place in a store where the only thing taken was Sudafed or one of these pseudoephedrine products. That has not happened. You make a thing increase in value when you reduce the supply. Gold is considered worth more than sand because sand is everywhere and gold is not. Gasoline is starting to be stolen, not by drive-by people, but drive-away people. Why? Because the price has risen. I didn't say Christ has risen, whoever made that comment, I said the price has risen. Why has the price risen? Greedy big oil, but there's another reason that the economists tell us about. The supply is lesser than it used to be vis-a-vis the demand. So when a thing becomes dear, meaning there is less of it or it is more rare, the value increases. So the price of gasoline is higher because crude oil is in lesser supply and crude oil is that from which gasoline is refined. Sudafed has been readily available. Nobody has wanted to or needed to risk going to jail to commit a robbery to get Sudafed. If it becomes more difficult, will these desperadoes try to take this stuff without paying for it? I don't know. But if you make the price right, somebody will. I've heard it said on this floor so many times when an issue is before us that if one person's life is saved, that justifies whatever it is we're doing. If one person's life is lost, is that enough of an argument against doing this? Suppose some clerk is shot. What will people say? Well, that's the cost of fighting meth. Well, maybe it wasn't your child. Maybe it wasn't your spouse. Maybe it wasn't somebody you knew so that's the cost of fighting meth. But if it comes into your household, you suddenly want everybody to be concerned, everybody to go into mourning,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...everybody to express regret and sympathy. We, as policymakers, need to look at these kinds of things and consider what the fallout might be. Putting it behind the counter is one of the lesser inconveniences. But once again, what is it for? I heard one of my colleagues talk again about 80 percent coming in and they're fighting 20 percent. The State Patrol has already told you less than 20 percent is manufactured