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here. But it shows how when you drill something into the head of a nonthinker, the nonthinker by rote says it again and again and again. In Chaucer's <u>Canterbury Tales</u> there is a couplet: He like the parrot was really quite dense. He remembered the words but he didn't get the sense. So like the parrot, Polly wants a cracker, Polly wants a cracker, because that's what Polly heard.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Stuthman, followed by Senator Flood and Senator Chambers.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. In some of the media reports and information that's on the radio, we are hearing that retail outlets are putting it behind the counter before this law is even in effect. Why would they ever want to do that? Do they see that it is a problem? Yes, I think so. Do they have a problem with it being stolen, taken out? Is that a major problem? I do not know, but I did visit with someone or heard it from someone that said that, you know, they went to buy some, the boxes were empty, so it was taken out of the boxes. And I think this is a major problem. I think the retailers are, you know, are aware and are concerned about this because they see the effects of what it does to I am also aware that if innocent individuals that get people. convinced in trying it once as a feel-good for them, for depression, or just something that happened in their life and then they're addicted and they can't get off of it. There are many people that want to get off of it, that want to go to treatment. There are parents of children, of youth, teenagers and of older people. The parents have law enforcement pick them up and put them in jail so that they can get away from it, try to get them into treatment programs because they cannot help themselves. Those are the things that really concern me, you People that get addicted to it once finally see the but that light is so dim because the light is so bright in their brain that wants them to continue on the meth highs and they can't get over it. They always go back to it.