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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Flood. I should call him alias Fred Astaire, alias Gene Kelly, alias Sammy Davis Jr., because he tap-danced around that, and he knows good and well the validity of what Senator Synowiecki is unassailable, the validity of what I have said is unassailable. And he is a lawyer and he knows that what we're saying is true, but since he's put himself in a position to support what Senator Aguilar is offering, he's got to pretend not to know the reality that exists in this state. We don't need this language. Crack is dangerous. Pregnant women who have used crack have given birth to children who have crack in their system. They're called crack babies. Other drugs can be transmitted from the mother to the child, but you're not touching them. You know why? Because methamphetamine is the headline grabber. That's why methamphetamine is put here. For how many years has meth been known about? Why now? Because now is when everybody wants to get on the bandwagon. This is not striking a blow against methamphetamine. It is not providing a protection of children. That protection is already in the law. Ever since I've been here,...

SENATOR ENGEL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...with all kinds of statutes I have opposed putting surplusage in the statute books. Just to make somebody feel good, they want to say in different words what is already there, just so that they can say they amended a bill, amended the law. That's all that this is that Senator Aguilar is offering. Had his bill come out here on his own, I would have fought it to the death. I would have tried to do everything I could to kill it. It was not prioritized, as far as I know, and it's going to hitch a ride on this bill, which I've been made to think is so important. Well, I think they're going to have to do some weighing and evaluating here. Which is more important? Are you going to let this provision bring down the bill? It doesn't matter to me. I'll bring down this provision in whatever form it comes before us. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the