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SENATOR BOURNE: Well, I'm...I did consider that. I thought about that a lot between General and Select File, and I came to the assessment that because there is no photo on there that it just didn't make sense. And if I can, Senator Chambers, what they use a Medicaid or a Medicare card for is simply to access healthcare services. They don't accept Medicaid or Medicare cards for any identification purposes other than to access healthcare.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, but we're creating a set of circumstances where we can allow anything to be used for identification that we choose. We could even say a birth certificate. Well, how many...

SENATOR BOURNE: We could but, again, I don't think there's a photo on that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. So if they have this old person coming in with a Medicare or Medicaid card, with a cane or a walker to get some cough medicine, the clerk would conclude that this old person probably mugged some other one to get that card to come buy some cough medicine to take it home and make some methamphetamine?

SENATOR BOURNE: Well, Senator Chambers, I do have to remind you that a 20-year-old can have a Medicaid card.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, we will put an age then, an elderly person. Here's what I'm getting at, and I won't keep questioning you because I don't want to take time. I wish my colleagues would think about this. Elderly people don't have, not all of them, don't have driver's licenses, they do not have state-issued identification cards, they do not get out a lot, and some do shuffle their way to a grocery store. Some may be driven to a grocery store by what they call jitney drivers, who do not get out of their car and go into a store to make purchases. They'll drive the person there, but they don't go in and make purchases. So the way the bill is drafted, the elderly person who is ambulatory could not purchase cough medicine or any of these others, whether it's for an allergy or anything