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presumption is that their act did not violate the law or they couldn't have made the purchase in the first place. This person is not purchasing methamphetamine, is not suspected of purchasing methamphetamine, but maybe in the disordered mind of some cop, a long-bearded person dressed like I'm dressed went in and bought some cold medicine, so you're going to run that name and see if he made a purchase anywhere else so you can see if maybe there's a basis for charging that person with a crime. I'm not for it. This amendment is not a jockey riding a horse. This is a horse being placed on the back of a jockey, and I don't believe in cruelty to animals or cruelty to humans. So I'm going...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to oppose this amendment tooth and toenail. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Kopplin, on the Beutler amendment to LB 117. Senator Kopplin.

SENATOR KOPPLIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I opposed the logbook when it was first presented to us before. I find this really difficult to accept this concept. First of all, we just passed an amendment that, you know, we have to have a certain type of identification to buy a legal product. If I'm a crook, I will soon have fake I.D.s that will be very easy for me to pass to an 18-year-old clerk on the busiest day down at Wal-Marts. There's some problems with that. But I, as an honest person, will do that. I will show them my driver's license or whatever, but for the state to sanction gathering all these names in a database so that somebody else, who knows how many other people, can sift through that and say, aha, this one, this one, this one, when the bad guy may be buying all kinds with his little fake I.D. A database of private information of citizens is a terrible thing to come up with. I oppose this amendment very much. It is not worthy of our consideration. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kopplin. Senator Stuthman.