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inconvenience these people by having to stop at the store every day to get a fix for something that is a noninflicted condition that they need this for. If you've got any questions, I would try and answer them for you. I would encourage you to support this amendment. With that, I thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. You've heard the opening on AM1668 by Senator Dwite Pedersen. Open for discussion. Senator Bourne, followed by Senators Stuthman and Kopplin. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. With all respect to Senator Pedersen, I rise in strong opposition to his amendment. Let me tell you what his amendment would do. would more than double the limit that is proposed in the bill, and I'll go back just a little bit. When the original green copy of the bill had, I believe it was, a three gram limit in a month, but there was also a logbook proposed. compromise, we responded to the retailers and the pharmacists, and we reduced the...well, we eliminated the logbook, which seemed to gather a lot of...the ire against the bill was the logbook. Well, if you get rid of the logbook, you really have no way of tracking or making sure how much pseudoephedrine-based product people are buying. So in order to remove the logbook, we felt that if we kept the three gram limit, what Senator Pedersen is advocating for, it would make...it would essentially So what we did was we eliminated the logbook but, do nothing. in return, we put in a 1,440 milligram per day restriction. that's the most you can buy, 1,440 milligrams, and I think that that's fair. So what Senator Pedersen is advocating is that we more than double the limit that's proposed in the bill. Three grams a day equals ninety grams of pseudoephedrine-based product. That equals 90,000 milligrams per month. Compare that with the 1,440 milligrams that we're talking about, 90,000 milligrams. So a person could buy three grams a day, every day would month. They have enough pseudoephedrine-based product, to make 82 grams of methamphetamine. So if we allow Senator Pedersen's amendment to adopted, that would allow someone to purchase eight...or, excuse me, that would allow someone to purchase enough pseudoephedrine-based product to make 82 grams of meth.