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SENATOR KOPPLIN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I'm going to talk just a little bit about being neutral on this proposal, and the reason that I'm saying I'm neutral, I do not want to scuttle this bill in any which way. I think there's a lot of things in the bill that are wrong and it's not the greatest of bills, but I'm not interested in defeating it. But I do want to tell you that I, in the fall and spring, take Claritin-D. I buy them a 30-day supply at once. And if you want to know, I go to the discount centers of Sam's and I get it in what I can handle financially, let's face it. But again, we really need to think about what we're doing here. You're trampling on people's rights. You're trampling on me saying, hey, you go to the doctor, you pay the doctor, you get the prescription, then you can buy it. Why? It's a legal product. We've got to be careful about trampling on what people need to do, the decisions they need to make, all so that we can deal with, maybe 10 percent at the most, meth production. You've got to decide whether it's worth it. How much are you willing to give up? Now, I can go to the store every five days and get my Claritin-D. It's going to cost me twice as much, it's going to cost me to get to the store. Or I can go to the doctor and pay him his \$80 visit call so he can take one minute to write out a prescription and say it's okay for you to go to the pharmacy and buy some Claritin-D. Be careful of what you're doing to people's rights here, all in the name of a good thing. That's why I'm not going to try to scuttle or do anything to this bill. But you've got to be really careful about people's rights because we haven't done anything, not one illegal thing, but we're being tromped on in the name of we're going to solve the meth problem, which this bill is not going to do. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kopplin. On with discussion. Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Bourne said this is a company that wants to make more money. Obviously every company wants to make more money, but this amendment would only give that company permission to do business as they have. Now I wasn't born yesterday. I can see the handwriting on the wall, so I'm going