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SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: ...more times to the drug store to get it. And you look at it down two, three years down the line that it's changed the meth use? No. Has it locked up more meth cookers? Sure. And I'll bet you every meth cooker you lock up is going to have an addiction, and all we're doing is housing them and we treat a few, but it's going to cost you, one way or the other. And if we don't start doing it right, it's just going to be cost, and a bunch of fancy bills on the books, and gee, this feels good; we got that meth cooker and we got him deep in the hole. And right behind him is three other meth cookers. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Dwite Pedersen. (Visitors introduced.) Also, the rolls being passed out are in honor of Senator Kopplin's birthday, so we congratulate him on having another birthday. Senator Kopplin. On with discussion of the Senator Dwite Pedersen amendment to LB 117. Senator Bourne, followed by Senator Aguilar.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Listen, Senator Pedersen is running this amendment for one pharmaceutical manufacturer. And again, I don't have any trouble with him doing that. That's great. I tend to be responsive to my constituents as well. But I want to give you a sense of what we're doing. Now this amendment is specifically targeted to Claritin-D because Claritin-D has a large amount of pseudoephedrine in it. And under our...if...should LB 117 pass the way it is now, without Senator Pedersen's amendment, you can buy a one-week supply of Claritin-D. A one-week supply is eight or nine bucks. Now I don't know about how many of you all here, but I've never bought more than one package of Claritin-D at a time because it's too expensive. I'm thinking about, I have a 12-year-old son that drinks milk like a maniac, and I'm probably at the grocery store three times a week buying milk for that kid, and so I really don't see this as a big hardship to go there, you know, more than once a week or once a week to buy this product. I don't see that as a big deal. But I do want to make...point out to you what this means. If we change this for one pharmaceutical manufacturer, here's what will happen. All of the sudden, with the Pedersen amendment, you would be able to buy 100 tablets of Sudafed at a time, 100 tablets. So you could