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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: Six packages of Advil Cold and Sinus, that's inappropriately broad. It's too much. I would urge your rejection of the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Senator Dwite Pedersen amendment. Senator Aguilar.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'm also going to rise in opposition to this amendment. And I can't help but point out, it's kind of surprising to me when introducers don't support a specific amendment. That introducer automatically changes over and opposes the entire bill, starts telling you how it won't work, it's no good. Well, the state of Oklahoma would disagree with that, big time. One of the things I specifically want to address was the comment made by Senator Kopplin. Senator Kopplin said he's going to have to go pay \$80 for a doctor's visit to get his Claritin-D. I contend that's not true. I just walked over and asked our doc, Senator Johnson, if a patient that he knew the history on would call him on the phone and ask him for a prescription for Claritin-D, would he write that prescription? He said, of course I would, any doctor would. And I said, and that's without the charge of an office call? He said, of course. Simple as that, folks, a very minor inconvenience. We're not taking away anybody's rights. We're trying to save the lives of some people. Let's get back to reality. Let's look at what the heck we're really trying to accomplish here. And I'm sorry if this hurts some pharmaceutical's bottom line. For heaven's sakes, they make enough money. They don't need to double it with this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. On with discussion. Senator Jensen, on the Dwite Pedersen amendment.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I would rise in opposition to my good friend Senator Pedersen's amendment. I think we are really faced with