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corresponding relationship with mental health, and that there's a mental health component to this. That's all that does. And I, again, I appreciate the fact that we're going to study the treatment capacity throughout the state of Nebraska this summer. I'm excited about that study. But that does nothing relative to what we're trying to do with our methamphetamine epidemic in the state of Nebraska. You want to undertake to address the methamphetamine epidemic in the state of Nebraska and ignore a population of offenders that have been found to have violated these sections of law. This is a real simple no-brainer Senator Bourne seems to think that there would be amendment. some costs associated with this. I don't see that there would be any cost whatsoever. The overwhelming majority of these offenders are required now to submit themselves to testing. they are required to do testing, Senator Bourne, the offender pays for it. It's not something the state does. Relative to the fact that meth...or pseudoephedrine use would be prohibited by our...again this is a population of offenders that are...have found themselves to be convicted of violating these sections of The fact that they would not be able to use Sudafed and pseudoephedrine would be no cost. The cost for the urinalysis testing is paid for by the offender. And the section of the amendment which speaks to broadening it to include mental health, there's the word "or" there. And quite frankly, I think Senator Jensen will tell you as part of this assessment, the mental health component is already looked at. It's already I'm just trying to get our statutes up to date in the twenty-first century relative to recognizing the corresponding methamphetamine addiction and mental relationship between There is no cost here. I can assure you of that. health. had worked with Senator Bourne on drafting the amendment. appreciate his assistance. We had discussions relative to this with the staff, with the Governor's staff obviously. Senator Bourne is now not supporting what I'm trying to do here. is a real simple, simple thing here. We're trying to update our statutes to recognize a mental health component. We're saying that you...if you violate sections of this law, you should be subject to testing, and it's already paid for by the offender. And lastly, if you violate a section of this law as it relates to methamphetamine, you can't be giving the excuse to your probation or parole officer that you took Sudafed all last