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## *Pulling It All Together: Public Policy and Other Items of Note*

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### OVERVIEW

In Chapters 1 through 8, we covered the Drug Quality and Security Act and its impact on the primary supply chain participants. There are other participants and areas of interest that are impacted as well. In this chapter, I cover a few of these items prior to my overall summary.

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### PUBLIC POLICY

*Public policy* is defined by the *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* as follows:

1. The governing policy within a community as embodied in its legislative and judicial enactments which serve as a basis for determining what acts are to be regarded as contrary to the public good
2. The principle of law by virtue of which acts contrary to the public good are held invalid<sup>1</sup>

Regarding the Drug Quality and Security Act, public policy worked, but I do have a nagging question: What took our lawmakers so long? The answer may be in why our drug laws in the past 100 years were passed by Congress.