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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...it defies logic. I'm not going to argue about secondhand smoke. I'm not going to argue about the carcinogens present in it. I...to me, that doesn't matter. And I mean that in no disrespect. Any of you that know me know that I have a history of cancer in my family. And that, to me...it wouldn't change my thinking. Government should not be involved in the extent that the supporters of this bill are advocating. I think we all need to look at, what is the role of government? It's not there to solve all of our problems. If you don't want to smell cigarette or cigar smoke, go to a different establishment. I have a pamphlet from Health and Human Services. There are over 3,000 restaurants in this state that do not have smoking in their facilities. I think it's time that we stop responding to a vocal minority in adopting laws that pacify every...each and every concern that an individual may have. It is not appropriate, in my mind,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...that government is involved to this extent.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Aguilar and five others.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I struggle with this issue because a selfish part of me likes the outcome of the more stringent restrictions. The part of me that says that private property should have...private property owners should have certain rights, that also is out there. I also think about the local control issue. And what's interesting, and I think Senator Bourne brings some very valid concerns to this and I think some valid arguments, although I don't agree with all of them, in terms of his approach this year of that the local communities can be no stricter than the state standard. But I think I arrive at the fact that local control, as we currently have, is probably the best way to allow this to carry forward. The voters of Lincoln spoke. I can live with that. I have some concerns, though, when there are establishments, for competitive reasons, ahead of the smoking ban in Lincoln,