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I am wondering how you are going to control in a retail store. I can see in restaurants but where people move around from one place to another there would really be no control area. It would be then nonsmoking. Is that correct?

SENATOR STONEY: That is correct. I think in some areas in these establishments there is already a prohibition by means of the State Fire Marshal and the fire codes.

SENATOR COPE: Yes, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I find it rather ironic here this morning that we are going to be taking our time here this morning to be discussing a matter that we hope is being solved within the public schools right now and that is the teaching of the ill effects of cigarette smoking, pipe and cigar smoking and yet on the other hand we are here this morning to condone the use of cigarette smoking in public in certain places. I have been concerned about the short term as well as long term ill effects of cigarette smoking for several years and ever since I guess, and even in more, I became more concerned since being in the Legislature since Senator Stoney had introduced legislation to find out just exactly what is happening as far as the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome is concerned. It has been my contention and I certainly have addressed this very concern to many doctors at public hearings as to just exactly the exact cause of SID. We don't know today just exactly what the cause is of SID but you know if you look at a young infant today, whether they are in a restaurant, whether they are in a ball park or any public place for that matter, the only real defense mechanism that any young child, a two month or a four month or a six month old child has to combat, let's say the air pollution that exists within that environment is what? If they are breathing in a harmful substance, a foreign substance such as cigarette smoke or cigar smoke, how can their body defend against that foreign pollutant? Well there is only one thing that I know of and that is the hairs that line the nose as well as that line the throat. We call these little hairs cilia and these little cilia beat up and down about sixteen times, yes, they beat up and down about sixteen times a second. Most of us can't count to sixteen in one second. Now as soon as that hair and we have millions of these hairs that line the throat, now as soon as that hair becomes subjected to cigarette