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is what we ought to start doing to the smokers, make all kind of foul offensive noises that will disturb their ability to eat like smoke does to us.

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Crosby, who generally is more on target, said that we are dealing merely with bad manners but let's assume that is what it is. If people don't have enough consideration to respect the health and the rights of others then I think where there are public gatherings for certain and public facilities which enjoy certain protections from the state by virtue of being public facilities, they have licenses to do things that others cannot do, then this law should go into effect. I noticed numbers of clothing stores have no smoking signs because they don't want you to foul up the garments on the rack. Well maybe people who wear clothing on their body don't want you to foul them up either. I have a lot of friends who are smokers. Some of my best friends are smokers but I wish that they would stop smoking around me and there are others not in a position to speak in this fashion. There are others who will not speak in this fashion but smoking is a serious problem in this society healthwise and as Mr. Crosby says, manners-wise, but the health consideration I think is so heavy in its weight that this bill justifies...is justified in being passed.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch, we have two other amendments. Do you want to hold your motion until those are taken care of?

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, I will.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. Senator Wesely has an amendment and then Senator Maresh has an amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely's amendments may be found on page 1093 of the Journal.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this amendment was proposed to LB 344 to try to find one of the question marks and problem areas associated with the bill and that is exactly what establishments are