

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay, thank you. That...see, as I say, I haven't had a lot of calls in that. What I have had calls about and letters is having to do with smoke areas in restaurants, and this bill does not have anything to do with restaurants. It takes the restaurants out of it, as you see on the sheet that was passed around. So, I have had mixed feelings about this bill from the very beginning because I understand all the problems with people absorbing other people's smoke. I understand that. And I know that that is definitely a health problem. But it seems to me that everybody I have talked to, smokers and nonsmokers alike, is that people these days, there has become such an awareness in our country and in our state that there is a problem, that the average person respects the smoker or the nonsmoker and tries to work with...I think they try very hard to work with each other. You know a lot of homes that you go to have a little sign, thank you for not smoking, or an office, thank you for not smoking. And you see people in the State Capitol, gathering in little corners to smoke, because you can't smoke just anywhere that you want to, except I guess on the floor of the Legislature. So, (laughter) I still don't know how I am going to vote. I voted for the amendments, but I continue to be concerned about pressure on small businesses, and this is what this looks to me and, to me, 15 employees is not very many, that is a small business. So I do think you should be careful in pushing penalties and rules and regulations and other things like that that make small busi...make it more difficult every day to operate in a small business. So, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, you're next. But may I make a couple of introductions, please. Our doctor of the day is Dr. Richard Hanisch of St. Paul, Nebraska. He's under the north balcony. Would you welcome him again. Thank you. And our Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, if you'll observe him today, he is very proud looking. I understand that he became a grandfather last night, has a seven pound boy, and his name is Bill Tallichet, and I understand that both mother and grandfather are doing well. So congratulations. Senator Schellpeper, please, followed by Senator Hefner.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This is a bill that's real hard to talk against and real hard to vote against. But, if you will look at what the bill actually does and how it affects small business, I think it's a bill that