

above those other rights. If this is depressing or oppressing to small business, I'm sorry. But I think that we need to be aware of the health factor involved. So I'm standing in support of this legislation, I urge your support also. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, I understand we have a....

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hefner would move to amend the bill. (Hefner amendment appears on page 670 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, this is the do as I say, not do as I do amendment. I feel, if we're going to put restrictions on businesses, why then we should also put businesses...put restrictions on here in the Legislature. This amendment says, and it's a new section and I just passed it out to you, "It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Legislature that no person shall smoke in the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber." And then it states a penalty, and the penalty is about like in the rest of the bill. And I'm not anti-smoking. I don't smoke myself, and it doesn't bother me to have my neighbors smoke. So I'm not doing it for that reason. But I...the reason I'm doing this is because I had a lady call me the other day and she said, Senator Hefner, she says, you want to impose restrictions on us out in the business world but, she says, you don't want any restrictions on yourself. She says, I was standing out in the Rotunda the other day looking in, and she says, I couldn't believe how many of the senators were puffing away. And I said, well, I know that. I says, we do have a few that smoke. And she said, well, why don't you do it yourself then? And I said, well, I'm not a smoker. And I realize there is a lot of awareness on smoking in today's world. The airlines are imposing it, and that doesn't bother me at all. Some businesses are imposing it. When I walk into a restaurant now some of them ask, do you want smoking or nonsmoking? And I usually tell them, well, I'd rather have nonsmoking, but it doesn't really bother me that much. But I just feel that, if we do it to businesses, well, then we ought to do it for ourselves. If we want to be leaders in the State of Nebraska, then we should lead. We should say, we'll impose those restrictions on ourselves if we're going to impose them onto you. And this is why I'm offering this amendment.