

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I didn't want to take too much time on this amendment because I realize it's a far-reaching amendment. But, Senator Wehrbein, if you were serious, why you certainly could amend this amendment that we'd have a section here. Also, by banning smoking in this Chamber, we don't say that a senator or an employee couldn't go to their office and smoke. This would just be in the Chamber. And the reason I brought this up is because this lady called me and she said, well, how come you're putting restrictions on some of the rest of us when you don't want restrictions on yourself? Like I said, this is the do as I say, not do as I do amendment. If we want to be leaders, then we should be able to live by some of those restrictions we put on other people. Like I said before, I'm not anti-smoking, it doesn't bother me. I don't smoke myself, but I just think that we need to call this to our attention. And this is what I'm doing with this amendment. I'd appreciate your support, and I guess that's all I have to say at this particular time.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Hefner amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Hefner amendment is not adopted. Back to the advancement of the bill. Senator Wesely, followed by Senator Landis.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I would rise in support of the bill and encourage you to vote for it as well. I know that there are some who very strongly oppose this legislation, and I understand that they have that opportunity and respect their right to do so. But there is also an understanding I think most of us would have that the majority of people in this state would support this legislation. The majority of people in this state do not smoke. The majority of people in this state, taking any opinion poll that you want to look at, have indicated their desire to have some provision to protect the rights of the nonsmoker in the work environment. We passed this legislation back about 10 years ago, in '79-80, but we did not provide for the enforcement of the act in the business setting. The establishments that are under the provisions of this act, passed 10 years ago, do not necessarily