

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Langford, please, followed by Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President, I'd like to call the question.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Senator Wehrbein, did you want more time than your closing? If you do, you may have it. Yes, but there are no other speakers, other than you, and if you'd like an extra five minutes, you may have it. You're willing to close now? All right, fine. Thank you, Senator Langford. Senator Wehrbein for closing.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: First of all, answering the questions that Senator Smith raised, going back on page 5, and I did mislead Senator Elmer a little bit because I said modest cost, which we did have originally in discussion. But it says in line 11, "to the extent...maximum extent possible, except an employer shall not be required to incur any expense to make structural or other physical modifications in providing these areas". This, in essence, is what we have today. And so I guess I'm a little perturbed because there is a big smokescreen, pardon me for the pun, going on about this bill. This is not any different than we presently have. In nearly all the cases, it simply adds some enforcement to the bill. We are stating that an employer must make a good faith, those are my words, it's implied in the bill, to provide a smoke-free area for a nonsmoker, if they request it. They must have a smoking policy. And a lot of this is smokescreen, we're not doing anything different. Going back to what...the inconsistent message some of you see in this Chamber, we could simply amend this bill, perhaps I should, to say that one side is nonsmoking, the other side is smoking. That would meet the qualifications of this bill, as I see it. And so what Senator Hefner's bill said is no one shall smoke in here, period. This policy doesn't say no one shall not smoke, it simply says that there will be a smoking policy designated, there will be a smoking...no smoking designated for those over 15 employers...employees. So I don't...I submit to you that you're getting a smokescreen, that you're getting around the bill. It is no more detrimental today to a...in this bill to smokers than it is today, except that it does put some