

the University of Nebraska came in and said particularly there with the buildings so close that, basically, you would not have smoking anywhere on campus in some situations and were concerned about the 50 foot extension beyond the buildings. So we, as a committee, cut that back down from 50 to 10 feet, the idea being from Senator Preister wanted to allow a situation where individuals walking into a building would not have to confront a group of smokers right outside each of the entrances to the building, and so there'd be at least 10 feet away from the entrance that would off limits in terms of smokers. So that is what the committee amendment does. It takes from 50 to 10 feet the extension beyond the building that this bill would apply to, and there is also just a reference change made in the bill that is technical in nature. With that, I'd ask adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Discussion on the committee amendments, Senator Hall, on the committee amendments. Discussion on the committee amendments, there is none, Senator Wesely. Would you close? He will not close. We will now vote on the adoption of the committee amendments. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Committee amendments are adopted. Senator Preister, to open on your bill.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. I rise, my lean 140 pounds of me casting a much larger shadow today than I normally do with this bill for I stand before you representing health professionals, drug abuse prevention groups, heart and lung and cancer organizations, cancer researchers, artists, historians, preservationists, state employees, visitors, guests of all the state buildings, youth advocates and the youth that those people serve. I would also like to think that I also stand here representing the smokers themselves and that I see this as not an anticsmoker piece of legislation, but I certainly see it as antismoke legislation, and that's where I draw a distinction for myself. The bill, itself, is one that was heard in committee last year, it was heard again in committee this year. There have been some amendments and adjustments to the original bill. This one in the part about my concern for the smokers themselves, in Section 3 says that state