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have...as that would certainly be a twist instead of having the state comply with the regulations that we do, have the employers comply with this type of legislation, so I ask people to consider when they're voting on the amendment that it incurs, it possibly incurs great cost and I hadn't even thought about the ADA. I was just thinking of the room itself or in the ventilation system itself before you vote on something like this. It does sound like a reasonable compromise, but I think in practice it will prove to be very expensive and may prove at some point to be...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...something that we have to do to the private sector also. So I will not be voting for the amendment and I won't be voting for the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all, I have some mixed feelings about Senator Schimek's amendment and I will talk about that as well as some other things in terms of what we have done with the bill. Separately ventilated areas are a challenge. They are very difficult to do and yet I think are very important. Right now there is a large group of fourth graders who are just leaving the balcony and were I to ask how many of them were in support, which I won't do since I did at one other time on one other bill and I got a very positive response, but all of those fourth graders had to go through the lobby and all of those fourth graders not only were exposed to secondhand smoke out in the lobby where it's very thick, but all of those students are also seeing an example that I think is a very bad example. If on one hand we're telling young people that they shouldn't do drugs, if on one hand we're telling them that they shouldn't smoke, then here we are, the leaders, the policymakers, and we're setting the example by allowing it and saying, by example if nothing else, that this is okay behavior. Now come on, folks, is it or isn't it? And I genuinely believe that we're saying to young people one thing and doing something else. And in my years of working as a youth professional one of the most frequently heard criticisms I heard from young people is that adults are hypocrites. They send mixed messages. They tell people to do something, but then they do something differently themselves. I think we need to be consistent and I think we need to set a very positive example. The amendment