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this particular situation is very small indeed, but it might have the effect of encouraging some people to come in and work and enjoy themselves and do good things for the state at the same time whereas if they felt that they couldn't smoke, they might not be inclined to come in and spend a little extra time doing their work. So that's the reason for the amendment and let me suggest to you that I hope this amendment will get us into a discussion of the science of this matter a little bit because I'm anxious to hear how these pollutants are measured as those on the Natural Resources Committee know most of the time with regard to pollutants, air pollutants. The federal government has attempted to set up some standards which, above which or at which point they believe the existence of certain pollutants in the air create some kind of health hazard. And I hope that we will get into a discussion here as to which pollutants are in the air and whether there are standards of measurement for any of them and whether they are at a level that is of concern with respect to anyone's health and whether we ought to measure them as we would require in all other situations or ought we just to assume that the science is correct without measuring and take away these rights. I think there's some very real questions here that we should discuss with respect to how we're looking at this particular pollutant compared to all the other pollutants that we deal with in our day to day legislating. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Beutler a question so that I can understand his amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beutler, you're amending the sentence which in its present state would prohibit smoking in these locations at all times, correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you would be saying that at certain times as specified in your amendment and under the circumstances contained in your amendment, smoking would be allowed there.