

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Since this would be a weakening of what the bill does, I will oppose it. Somebody had mentioned before I came on the floor this morning about the odors of tobacco that remain in these buildings and these rooms and these other locations and that is true. For those people who don't smoke you have no idea what it means to be very sensitive to these types of odors and maybe it's not just the odor but the pollutants and, by the way, before you can smell something there must be that chemical that actually makes contact with those, do they call them olfactory nerves, but that mechanism by which you smell actually has the chemical come in contact with it in order for you to smell it. And when you're sensitive to these things then you can wind up with a headache, you can wind up with eyes that run, that itch and to all outward appearances the symptoms that would go along with a cold or maybe a mild case of the flu. So this is not just a situation where it is a bad smell or we're dealing with bad manners. It goes beyond that. As I have stated before and I'll continue to do it, I just don't have to go anywhere in the building where people are smoking and if the other senators want to smoke in the lounge, they can have it. I just won't go there. But we're talking now about buildings where other people will return. Somebody could be in one of these areas covered by Senator Beutler's amendment five minutes before the building is open to the public and they could smoke and when people come in there not only is the odor, but the smoke continuing to hang in the air. I'm going to oppose his amendment because I think it weakens the bill, it loosens what is being attempted and it can create a situation where the very thing we're trying to avoid having present in these rooms will be made possible to occur.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Preister.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, let me engage if I can in a little discussion with Senator Preister and I don't want to mistake my attitude towards Senator Preister or towards the matters that he works on. Clearly he is a person who has been very concerned with and most helpful with a great number of environmental issues and this is in part an environmental issue. Senator, with respect to sidestream or secondary cigarette smoke, what are the dangerous pollutants?