

thirty thousand people die and probably more than that are affected by the problems created by tobacco use who do not die. It's difficult for me to understand why we, as a state, would allow smoking to occur at the Veterans Home. There are people there with illnesses. There are people there who are aged, and sometimes people will say that when you reach a certain age you should be able to select your own poison, and maybe that's true. But, at this point, with LB 121, we are establishing a state policy and since that policy will apply in buildings where people are not ill, it certainly ought to apply at this Veterans Home. So the amendment would remove from those exempted places the Nebraska Veterans Home. And if you have any questions, then I will answer them.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler, to speak on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just a couple of quick questions. Again, Senator Preister, for clarification purposes, smoking isn't defined in your bill, do you intend to have the same definition as is in 71-5706 in the Clean Air Act? Is that a fair statement?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President. I think that smoking is pretty clearly defined in everyone's mind and although I didn't put it in the actual bill, I don't know exactly what the definition is in there, but I think that would probably be sufficient.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any further discussion of the Chambers amendment? Seeing none, Senator Chambers, do you wish to close?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, the Legislature is sometimes such a volatile place, sometimes such an unpredictable place that there is no way to determine what the significance of a total lack of discussion signifies, but I will find out shortly. I don't intend to drag out a discussion of this amendment because it's very forthright and clear in what it states and what it intends to do. In view of the fact that we have so few on the floor, I'm going to ask for a call of the house. And, as