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SENATOR LANDIS: I rise to support the Bohlke amendment. I think it represents what should be a principle that we can adopt which is that no worker should be necessarily trapped in a space that they can't avoid and therefore has to come in contact with smoking. The objection to the bill that I have is that I think it's far too overreaching and makes no attempt to accommodate a multitude of interests. Seems to me that it's something that says that there is no space in the building that could be set aside is far too unyielding and makes no attempt at reasoned accommodations. People can open windows. People can have fans. People can close doors and they can make...they can make areas much less problematical. Now, it also seems to me that it's possible that if you know that there is an area that is used, it's entirely possible that other walkways and one might be able to use a different entrance pattern to get into a building as a simple matter of accommodation. What I find is I find that there's actually no desire for accommodation, that there's only one choice here and that is to insist on the rule that whether I'm present or not, whether there is an actual problem or not, the rule will be there will be no accommodation and no smoking. I would think that it would be possible to establish a set of principles, establishing, I think, a fair one and that is that people shouldn't be trapped in an environment or that the public, in doing its business in a public building, shouldn't have to come in contact with a heavily smoked-in area. That doesn't mean that there shouldn't be a lounge, there shouldn't be an area that could be cordoned off and accommodation couldn't be made for people who do, in fact, want to exercise on their recess the range of...or their breaks, the range of legal activities which are free to anybody else. And, in that sense, I oppose the bill because I don't think...I mean, it goes far beyond the principle that the public and the worker should be free in the work space that they use to be free from smoke. It goes far beyond that and makes no attempt to balance interests. I support the Bohlke amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the body, I rise in support of the Bohlke amendment. I spoke yesterday on my concerns that it would be very difficult to implement this bill but it would be much easier to just say that we would tailor this to vehicles. When you're in a building you can go