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SENATOR BEUTLER: ...whether they're public or private, you can...the antismoking prohibition does not apply, but then we take the State Capitol Building, then we take all state buildings; next step, municipal political subdivisions; next step, private sector, generally. Rationale applies to them all. Secondary smoke is harmful to people, regardless of what kind of building it is. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. President, members, I just wanted to rise in support of Senator Tyson's bill...or amendment. Most of the state buildings, I believe, now are smoke free. State Office Building does have an area where they can, but I know the State Patrol offices are smoke free. I think the Health and Human Service buildings, even across the state, are all smoke free, so most of them are. So I just wanted to rise in support of this and where we're going to go with this amendment, I don't know, but just wanted to voice my opinion on that and I will give the rest of my time to Senator Chambers, 'cause I think he wanted to continue some of his dialogue on that issue. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, you have four minutes and ten seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Schmitt. This that we're talking about could be a step toward rendering all buildings where human beings, meaning the public, would go to conduct business. But it does not always mean that because an act that's being taken can be considered the first step in a progression of steps. When that first step is taken it does not automatically mean that every succeeding step that would follow logically will necessarily be taken. One time, the Nebraska Supreme Court had suggested that legislatures tend to enact comprehensive legislation not all in one fell swoop, but timidly and in hesitant steps. So we need to address what is before us now and the state and its buildings are of immediate concern to us because we are state officials. I don't think it's out of the question for the Legislature to enact a