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not circulate, no secondhand smoke, et cetera. Commenting, however, on the Peterson amendment, I would mention, in light of Senator Beutler's remarks, that the Peterson amendment, as it stands now, leaves it to the agency. Senator Beutler expressed some reservations about that. I would say to the body that the agency's decision as to whether or not smoking is allowed and where it would be allowed is, I hope, still answerable to the executive of the state, to the director of the department, to the Governor or a designated member of his staff, and ultimately to this body, and I would, therefore, support the Peterson amendment as it stands. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, members of the body, I, too, basically, basically, I'd like to emphasize that, support the Peterson amendment. I do believe that in the veterans hospitals most of these veterans there are World War II vintage, and not that that's really, really old, but they are getting older. They have developed these habits over the years and, as I can attest to, smoking is not a habit, it is an addiction. I was addicted to it for over 20-some years, and I had a terrible time getting over that addiction. So it's nothing you get over easily. These people are...most of these people in the veterans homes are also very ill. And trying to get someone to give up something like that at this stage in their life is going to be very, very difficult; I think we should make their waning years as comfortable as possible. So I do believe we have to make some concessions for those particular people. I do have a little problem with leaving it up to the agencies who are in charge of the respective buildings to alter...alter the rules. I think perhaps Senator Beutler has a good point, and perhaps he and Senator Peterson get together and come up with a compromise to where we do...we do not make it broader than it already is, because we are trying to restrict smoking and definitely keep it out of the Capitol. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: I just wanted to, for the record, clarify with Senator Peterson that her amendment does not impact the current Clean Indoor Air Act that the agent.... Would it be