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people who just think that smoking should be allowed. I don't know how to address that. I think that to do that is to not recognize the concern of the vast majority of the public and certainly to those who are concerned about health and well-being. I would ask that you support the amendment. I believe that Senator Schmitt, whose bill this is, is in support of it and he can address that himself if he chooses to. If he doesn't, on my closing I will ask him so you know his position. And, with that, I appreciate also the fact that some members of the Legislature, when I was not able to be here, particularly Senator Landis, was willing to keep the bill on the floor so it did not advance from Select File without my having had a chance to at least address this amendment and this issue, so, Senator Landis, I appreciate that. I also recognize that you have a difference of opinion. I respect that and, although we have a philosophical disagreement, I think I have worked to address all of the concerns that I am able to do at this point. I thank you, Mr. President, and will sit down and relinquish the remainder of my opening.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Crosby would like to announce the following guest is with us today, the doctor of the day from Lincoln, Donald Klitgaard under the north balcony. Doctor, if you'd rise, we'd like to recognize you. Welcome and thank you for being here this morning. For discussion on the Preister amendment to LB 211, Senator Chris Peterson.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. I would just like to say that I want to give Senator Preister a sincere thanks for the amount of work that he has done in bringing this amendment forward. As he listed all of the areas of concern that had come up, both on the floor and off the floor, I think you could see the task that was before him. And I certainly want to thank him because he addressed the concern that I had, which was the Nebraska veterans homes. That is covered in the amendment that he has introduced, (AM) 692; lists that on Section 4...Section 1, part (4), and I appreciate the work that he did to accommodate the concerns I had about that and I do support the amendment. Thank you.