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lot of people. It's dangerous to people who have no other diseases, but it's particularly difficult for families in Nebraska who have children with asthma, which includes 10 percent of Nebraska children. It's difficult for people with other respiratory problems to go into a restaurant where there is environmental tobacco smoke. It is difficult for people who have heart conditions and it's difficult for as simple a thing as someone who may wear contact lenses. And as time goes by on this debate I will bring you information from these fact sheets, but they're coming around for you to review. So first we'll talk about the impact of environmental tobacco smoke and why it's important, as a public policy, we protect people from environmental tobacco smoke. The second point I want to make during this debate is the impact on the people who work in restaurants, and a lot of people work in restaurants in the United States. In fact, according to the web site of the National Restaurant Association, clearly a third of adults in the United States at one time or another have worked in a restaurant, so we're talking about a lot of people that get this exposure, and that the restaurant industry, nationally, employs 11 million people. It's the last workplace in Nebraska where people are exposed to a lot of smoke. I received a letter from a woman who works as a waitress, and has all her life, and I asked her if I could read this on the floor. It says: I read in the Omaha World-Herald, on Saturday, February 27th, that you wrote and put forward LB 750 banning smoking in restaurants. Good for you! I've been a waitress for many years, as many of my friends, and secondhand smoke is...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...distasteful. They all spread...we all spend money for the finest medicine, for doctor visits directly caused from people smoking at work. You have our support. So we'll talk about the importance of addressing this in their workplaces. But we'll also talk about impact this has. There are other states on restaurant industries, and we'll pass out information that demonstrates that the revenue and sales tax receipts are not impacted by safe smoke-free restaurant bills. I have information that I'll distribute to you from California, from Vermont, New York City, also Maine has gone smoke-free and Utah is smoke-free, and last year Boston went smoke-free. So