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From the cancer fact sheet: Each year exposure to secondhand smoke causes 150,000 to 300,000 lower respiratory tract infections, such as pneumonia and bronchitis, in United States' infants and children younger than 18 months of age. These infections result in 7,500 to 15,000 hospitalizations each year. From the American Lung Association: Secondhand smoke causes over 3,000 lung cancer deaths annually, as well as exacerbation of lung disease in nonsmoking adults and respiratory problems in children. From the Center for Disease Control and Prevention fact sheet: Nonsmokers exposed to cigarette smoke have in the body fluids significant amounts of nicotine, carbon monoxide and other evidence of secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke causes 30 times as many lung cancer deaths as all regulated air pollutants combined. I hope that we can make a case to you that environmental tobacco smoke is a problem and it's a problem for Nebraskans when they are exposed to smoke in restaurants and in the offices of people that they work with. One of the things we can do to help them not be exposed to smoke is to pass this legislation. I have a lot of information on ventilation, and one of the things that we know is that you can't...there's no known way to ventilate to known carcinogenic gases and materials that are...

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...moving around from environmental tobacco smoke. The only way to ensure that that isn't happening is to have a smoke-free workplace. And we need to have a way to ensure that those families who have people with health conditions, not even the regular public I'm talking about here, but we need to accommodate them, we need to allow them to do what 46 percent of adults in the United States do every day, and that is go to a restaurant. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Don Pederson, on advancement of LB 750 to E & R.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Senator Cudaback, members of the body, I don't know how you feel about this, but when I walked in today and saw that this was going to be on the agenda, I said, what am