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kind of familiar to what you just heard: If the demand was there the restaurants would do it, they would have to do it. The smoking problem in a restaurant should be left to the good manners of the customers. When you start telling people that eat in a restaurant where they have to eat the meal, I think you're going to be in trouble. And also: But the evidence is conclusive that smoking is not hazardous to the nonsmoker. The policy questions are going to be the same. We have as a state had a limited Clean Indoor Air Act, and now this is our opportunity to look at it from a policy perspective on who is accommodated. And will this happen without our action or will it not? I think we need to stand up, to level the playing field for restaurants, to make it a mandatory piece for family restaurants because we know and the evidence shows that it is harmful to the health of people, that we have a responsibility to public health promotion. And by doing that, we can enact this law and we make the playing field level for all smoke...all restaurants to be smoke-free. I think it's time. I think we can become a leader, as other states have nationally. They haven't had problems with any of these laws. None of them have repealed them once they put them in place. The public is supportive of this. And I'm going to read into the record some of the comments that I have received over the last year from the public on this, because I think they're very telling. And they're from communities and around the state, and I even got one from a gentleman in Wyoming who still gets the Omaha World-Herald who said he lives on the Utah border where it is smoke-free in restaurants and how there he can take his child, with respiratory problems, to a restaurant and have a meal and not have to worry about a health risk. He can't do that when he comes to Nebraska, unless he can find a restaurant that's chosen to go smoke-free. So we've made other policy decisions where we've encouraged better public policy through law and regulation, that's what we do, that's what our responsibility is. We can't leave everything to the marketplace. There are public protections that need to be in place and I believe this is one of them. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson, and that was your third time. Those wishing to speak on the advancement of LB 750 are Senator Smith, Senator Hartnett, Senator Hilgert, Senator Preister, Senator Chambers, and Senator Suttle. Senator