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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...the short amount of time that they may be sitting there eating. And I don't think most people actually smoke while they're eating. So if the satisfaction that they derive comes after the meal is complete, it doesn't seem like it's that much of an imposition for them to just not smoke in the restaurant. They could smoke outside. And we don't have a bill, as Senator Hilgert suggested, to ban their smoking in a car, so they could have whatever satisfaction they derive from that particular addiction outside of the restaurant rather than inside of the restaurant, and that would certainly be something that would help those people who prefer a smoke-free environment. It is something that I think the restaurant association and the restaurants are looking at. This, I think, helps them because for some it makes it easier to put the blame on the Legislature.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Chambers, on the advancement of LB 750.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, excuse me. Senator Hilgert's discussion reminded me of a game that little children play. It's called hopscotch. He was here, there and everywhere, but he never reached a conclusion that made any sense to me. First of all, a restaurant is open to the public and invites the public. Not anybody could just open an establishment and begin selling food to the public. Restaurants have certain privileges and prerogatives which a private individual does not have. So a restaurant partakes of a public facility. Now, Senator Smith, I don't do this, but I believe anything I can chew up and swallow that's not toxic I can...my stomach will digest and convert to energy. But I've got a problem in my head that will not allow me to eat roaches. But if there are people who eat roaches at home, there's nothing against the law in that. But a restaurant cannot put roaches in people's food and say, well, you can eat roaches at home and