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a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Jensen, was the language stricken which would have prohibited smoking in state-owned vehicles? Was that stricken from the bill? The bill would have prohibited smoking in state-owned vehicles and I think the committee amendment would have stricken that language.

SENATOR JENSEN: That is correct, I believe.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And Senator Thompson's version that she's offering to us has not reinstated that language. Oh, it is? Okay, I stand corrected.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Hers does reinstate it.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That was something else I thought should be in the bill because not only those who smoke ride these vehicles. So I don't even have to spend time on that. I'm going to offer an amendment that would make the distance, and, again, I don't want to be unreasonable, at least 15 feet, and maybe that's not far enough, but it's better than 10 feet. Ten feet would be about three steps and there are some times that I enter buildings and when there is smoke I really...I just hold my breath because I must be very sensitive to it, because I do begin to develop an irritation and coughing and the kinds of things that Senator Thompson touched on. So I will ask her this question. Would you rather I wait until Select File to offer such an amendment, Senator Thompson?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: She said she would prefer that I wait, and