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the reason I'm willing to do it, I had not brought this up to her. I was not aware that her amendment would be offered here. And I'm going to support this one because I agree with it. Other amendments I probably won't support that I'm sure others will. And we're just going to have to use our judgment as to when the "tree" ceases to be a viable structure as a bill, but I do see this as being a very...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...significant, worthwhile amendment and I shall support it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bromm, on the Thompson amendment.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. One thing that caught my attention, Senator Thompson, with respect to your amendment, and I went and asked the Chair of Health and Human Services if I was reading this correctly, but I think the more significant thing that we're doing here is we're extending these smoking provisions that we've had for state buildings to all political subdivisions, whether it be counties, cities, fire districts. Am I correct in that? If I could ask Senator Thompson.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Thompson?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes, and I'm...I thought I said that in my opening but I...my examples were of state buildings. But that is correct and I did receive mail over the interim with people having concerns about county buildings and that was also the genesis of this bill.

SENATOR BROMM: Well, can't...can't counties...can't counties declare their own provisions with respect to smoking provisions that they would want to enact? Can't county boards and city councils...don't they have the authority to do that?

SENATOR THOMPSON: I believe a city council, by ordinance, could. Counties do not have ordinance power. I don't know how they would do that because they're an arm of the state and if it