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heart disease and other health conditions can go out to eat. We need to accommodate the public and not just the smoker. And I think smokers will adjust just as they have to every other smoking restriction that we have put in place. We're not asking a lot. We're asking an hour to not smoke while other people have the opportunity to eat and so our employees can be healthier and safer. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. We do have committee amendments. (Visitors introduced.) As stated by the Clerk, there are committee amendments. Senator Jensen, to open on AM0802.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The committee amendment replaces the bill as introduced. The amendment narrows the original scope of the bill and is patterned more after LB 546 introduced by Senator Thompson in 2003 and advanced by the Health and Human Services Committee at that time. The amendment prohibits the designation of smoking areas in enclosed indoor areas of restaurants. Only a bar, as defined in the amendment, may be designated as a smoking area in its entirety. The definition of bar and limited food service are retained from the bill as introduced. The amendment retains language permitting the establishment and enforcement of more stringent tobacco ordinances in counties, cities and villages. The amendment retains provisions of LB 480 as introduced that would no longer permit: (1) designated smoking areas in state-owned buildings at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds that possess a Class C, I, or M liquor license for the consumption of alcohol on the premises and (2) smoking in residential housing rooms and units owned or leased on campuses under the control of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents or Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges. That is a summary of the committee amendment and would just ask for its adoption. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen, you've heard the opening on the committee amendments. Mr. Clerk, motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have amendments to the committee