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decided that they would ban smoking, carve out a niche, perhaps, or the niche was already carved out but no one was filling that niche, so here's an establishment in northwest Lincoln that fills that niche, takes the risk, makes the investment, and all of a sudden the government takes it away. That niche was providing a smoke-free environment in a market that there wasn't a smoke-free environment. I think Senator Bourne very accurately points out, though, the investments that are made and the reasons that they're made. Folks want to make money. I think that's okay. We need people making money in our state because they're the ones who fund government. So I hope that we can arrive at the fact that local control is best. Let's leave it alone. The city of Lincoln wants to ban smoking. They've done it. Now I hear them whining about revenues in certain areas or of the fact that keno revenue out in Denton is increasing because they can smoke out there. It disturbs me a lot when a truck stop that was losing money because they lost a competitive edge and they happen to be in city limits. We need to keep in mind what the consequences are to decisions like this, and that's why I think that the status quo is probably okay. I have my reservations about it, but I've swallowed hard and said, okay, it's local control, that's okay. But now we've tried to...and I've worked on this issue a little bit trying to arrive at some middle ground, and I threw up my hands and walked away and decided that the free market is the best way to let this issue continue. But the preparation of food as being the standard or the test for whether or not smoking is banned and are we banning certain bars, then, from popping popcorn? Is that what we're going to get into? Is that government's place, is making sure that a drinking establishment doesn't pop popcorn?

SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: I think we have more important issues and I think that we can allow the cities themselves with a vote. Even though there are some negative consequences, in my opinion, I think that we can let those cities vote and determine the policy for their own jurisdiction. Thank you, Madam President.