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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senators Thompson and Aguilar.
Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mister...Madam President and members of the
Legislature, I wholeheartedly support this bill and I commend
Senator Thompson and Senator Aguilar. Problem for me is it
probably doesn't go far enough. I served in this legislative
body when you could smoke cigars on the floor of the
Legislature. Quite frankly, I appreciate the clean air we have
in here now. One of the reasons I'm supporting this bill is
because if we pass this bill more people will quit smoking, and
the people that smoke will smoke less. The other reason I'm
supporting this bill is because someday I'm probably going to
have grandchildren that are either going to be waiters or
waitresses in restaurants and, who knows, bars, whatever. I
don't know what they're going to be doing, but they're going to
be placed in environments where smoking may be a problem. I'd
like to head it off at the pass. I was fortunate to be raised
in a home where smoking was not an issue and I don't want my
grandchildren to be exposed to the secondhand smoke that I've
been exposed to in my lifetime. So far, I don't know that it's
hurt me, but when I was in college it seemed like all my
roommates smoked. I was one of the few that didn't. And so I
think I would appreciate a smoke-free environment for my
grandchildren and that's one of the reasons I'm supporting this.
I probably won't speak on this issue again, just let it run its
course, but I thank Senator Thompson, Senator Aguilar, and I am
wholeheartedly supporting what you're doing. Probably, for me,
it doesn't go far enough, but I think we need to send the
message--people, quit smoking; throw them away. And
stand...young children, teens, whatever, don't start. And I
think we can send that message by doing this. And I think
sending any other message is irresponsible on our part. Thank
you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Preister,
your light is next.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all.
I rise in support of Senator Thompson's bill, I rise in support