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discussed the other day and I may point out to you that that same kind of right of remonstrance that pertained in Lincoln to the smoking bill would also pertain to...as a protection with respect to Senator Price's tree bill. So I just wanted to make you aware of that connection also. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute. Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, an announcement: Senator Baker would like an Executive Session of Transportation underneath the south balcony at 11:00; Transportation, south balcony, 11:00.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Redfield, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Senator Bourne, I have heard you say that a business ought to be able to control their own business, and I would agree with that in theory. But have you ever been to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the home of R.J. Reynolds? You can't even go into a grocery store without walking the aisles of people with cigarettes in their hands. That's a private business making a decision as to what activity they allow. And when we have the discussions as to whether the public can choose to go to a restaurant or not, that's true, the consumer can choose, but when you carry that theory down the line you find that in some communities you couldn't even go to the grocery store to buy the food to cook at home, so you could avoid the restaurant, without being exposed to cigarette smoke. That's where the theory goes. Now, you'll find my name on the bill and you'll find that that's an unusual place for me to take a stance because I do believe in personal responsibility and I do believe in people having a great deal of freedom. After all, this is America. But I will tell you that government has already taken a stance. They have taken a stance nationally and certainly our state has advocated that position. There is not a workplace in the manufacturing field where we would allow the owner of the company to expose their workers to asbestos, to arsenic in the air, to other chemicals in the air that might harm them, that might harm their health. We protect workers. From my