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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Thompson, would you yield?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Senator Thompson, if you would, I assume that you were involved to a certain extent in the drafting of the committee amendment and, if you would be so kind, I'd like to ask you some questions as to what exactly it does.

SENATOR THOMPSON: All right.

SENATOR BOURNE: So now does it specifically...Senator Smith had talked about a bar that has...that sells popcorn or incidental food. Would that be ensnared or encompassed within your committee amendment?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Actually, that's already the law. The Clean Indoor Air Act law was passed many years ago. The department defines, for purposes of the law, through their regulatory process, a bar and a restaurant, and their...that is in rules and regs already so that isn't necessarily...that's not necessary for the...for the bill.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, so...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...specifically as it relates to the amendment, if I have a bar facility and I make popcorn, am I subject to this law? Assuming LB 480 passes, will I...can I...will I not be able to allow smoking in my facility?

SENATOR THOMPSON: You're not affected.

SENATOR BOURNE: I'm sorry?

SENATOR THOMPSON: No.

SENATOR BOURNE: I will not be able to allow smoking.

SENATOR THOMPSON: No ....