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in our schools we talk about the dangers of smoking and have phys ed, trying to work to good health; the children go home, go to a restaurant with their parents and are subjected to secondhand smoke or smoking parents when they're in the restaurants? This is a public health issue. I have had e-mails both ways, for this legislation, against this legislation. Should government get in the business of telling us what we're going to do in our own businesses where we have invested a lot of money? I say this every time smoking comes up that I was co-owner of the first totally nonsmoking restaurant in Nebraska, and this was a choice that we made for our customers and for our employees. And, sure, we had customers that said, hey, if I can't sit here and buy my meal and smoke, I'm going elsewhere, and they did. They may not have returned, but some did try elsewhere because they had other choices, and then they came back and were our customers again. If you've seen lungs or photos of lungs on television that have been even just infected with...or affected with secondhand smoke, it really is really something to think about. But I am going to support this bill and work hard to get its passage because this is good for the health of Nebraska. And I return the remainder of my time to Senator Thompson, if she would like to have it.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Thompson, would you like the rest of Senator Price's time?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes, thank you. Whenever we debate this bill, we get into some of the nuances of what already is the law, and so I'll just use my time to say what already is the law. If you are a restaurant in Nebraska and you're over, I'm going to say, 1,200, but I've got to double...1,200 or 1,500 square feet, you already have to have a nonsmoking area. That was the bill that passed in 1979. If you're wondering if you're a restaurant or a bar or who's affected by this law, it's the same as it is right now because the department has regulations whereby they say you are a restaurant or you are a bar. And they went through a process and it's been...had public hearings and it's established. We further refine the definition for the purposes of this bill. I think it's on page 5 if you want to see it. But currently, if you are a bar that serves food, you are under the Clean Indoor Air Act and must have a nonsmoking