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could save a lot of money, a restaurant could save a lot of money by having a different kind of refrigeration and by setting the temperature up and so on. Do they have a choice on that? No, they don't, because it's public health. Another point raised is the question about a cigar bar in Lincoln. The prohibition of that is ridiculous to me and that, of course, is not before us. Then I recognize, as we're talking here, that our anniversary is coming up this next week and I really would like to take my bride out to a nice restaurant. If I'm to follow Senator Bourne's advice, I have no place to go except a fast-food restaurant. There is nothing else on my district. I have no choices. I'd like to stay at home. And there's quite a few districts in this state that have no choice. I'm sure Ruth is going to be thrilled by going to this fast-food restaurant in order to get that kind of a service. Along with that, I would make this promise...I hope she's not on the air listening to this...that if this bill were to pass I would actually take her out to dinner more than once a year, but that would, of course, depend upon a place where we could eat in good health. I would recognize, as I hope we all recognize, that this is...also affects our budget. We spend a huge amount of money on Medicaid bills every year that directly relate to this. I see the smoking ban a reasonable type of a thing, needs to be reasonable...I'm not trying to be heavy on anybody...but as something that's coming. I see it as a help to our restaurants. We certainly would be eating out a lot more if we had any options to do that. I don't believe that we can allow this continuing compromise to our public health to continue, so sooner or later we've got to do it and I would prefer that we do it now. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. On with discussion. Senator Aguilar, followed by Senator Johnson and others.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members, friends some. (Laughter) Senator Bourne said he didn't know how much tax revenue we took in from cigarettes. I can tell him it's somewhere around a \$60 million figure. But I think I have to follow that up with how much it costs the state each year for smoking-related diseases and illnesses throughout the state. In