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advanced, the most thoughtful? If this is killing people, let's ban it. And the hypocrisy is this, folks, in my opinion. We will not be able to stop the mother from putting her child...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FRIEND: ...in a restraining seat, smoking four cigarettes on her way to Oak View Mall, and injuring that child. You got to put them in the restraining seat. You've got to make sure that that child is nowhere close to the windows or the doors. But don't worry about it; go ahead and blaze up. Smoke away. That's the hypocrisy, you guys. That's what it is. And I'm not saying that...and specifically pointing to hypocrites. I...what I'm saying is, I'm as bad as everybody else. How do we solve this? Let's study the interstate commerce issues. Let's throw up a total ban on smoking in this state, and then watch CNN and the Wall Street Journal and everybody else say, you know what, maybe they aren't a bunch of hayseeds in the state of Nebraska. Well, either that or they're going to say, they're a bunch of Communists. We'll see. That's all I have. I'm hungry. Thank you, Mr. President. (Laughter)

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. Further discussion? Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, how do you follow that? I would yield more time to Senator Friend, if he needed to continue with his manifesto. It's very entertaining but, as usual, he has given us his perspective. As a member of the Health Committee, I've served on...we've heard this issue for the last five years and it's been very interesting. If you would have tape recorded or videotaped most of the testimony from the years past and then replayed it this year and every other year, it's the same story over and over again. Senator Johnson does bring up an interesting point. There are kids in the state of Nebraska and throughout the country that have issues with asthma and other health issues related to maybe irritants, such as smoke, but he didn't go the next step in saying it's irresponsible for the restaurant to