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upbringing in south Omaha. I mean, I think I've got more taverns in my district proportionately to any other legislative district in the state, and then that's part of the fabric, that's part of growing up in south Omaha, is you have these kind of social outlets with youngsters...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: ...where you go to the tavern with your folks after a ball game. I mean, that's part of living in south Omaha and this bill would put a dead end to them kind of, what I think are, healthy family activities in terms of a social life, in terms of family life, in terms of just being a part of the community. And I'd sure hate to put a stop to all that. Granted, the intents on the public health perspective of this I can see and I can agree on many, many levels and, in fact, I would support a statewide approach to this issue. With certain exemptions and with a preemptive clause, I would support it, a statewide approach. But I sure hate to see this bring down, really, a fabric within my community, the engagement of the community betterment that some of these entrepreneurs bring to our community and the relationship there with our youngsters in terms of Little League sports activities and them sort of...them sort of functions. Thank you, Senator Cudaback,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: ...and thank you, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki and Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, friends all, today I'm going to speak as the dean of the Legislature, meaning I've been here longer than anybody else. There was a restaurant I used to go to at least once a week, usually about three times a week, and during the time that Omaha was considering a no-smoking ordinance I let the proprietor know that lately when I come in there I can smell the smoke, and I'm not going to come to the restaurant anymore. He said that apparently the city council, considering that ordinance, had raised the issue in the minds of