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SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes, thank you. LB 480 is a bill that bans smoking in restaurants in Nebraska. That's the main part of the bill. It also includes definitions and improvements to the current act. Some of those were put in place by Bill Drafter and others, are part of the committee amendment to improve language. It also defines...eliminates the exception in state buildings. There are two that are left in the bill. One is for the State Fairgrounds and the other is for residential housing units on university and state campuses. Currently, the only campus that allows smoking is Chadron State College, and they are phasing it out, so that would...that section is what is current practice. We are on the first amendment to the committee amendments. That amendment has been agreed to. It's an amendment I put on there to put some language...take some language out of the bill. The committee amendment, the committee counsel and Chair have agreed to that. It's more technical in nature and we've been debating that amendment thus far. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Jensen, as Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, would you like to give us a quick review of the committee amendments to LB 480? (AM0802, Legislative Journal page 861.)

SENATOR JENSEN: The committee amendments almost take the bill back to where it was introduced a couple years ago, again, by Senator Thompson, and it also allows a little differentiation on the bar portion of that bill, and that now has been amended. And I would just...we'll see how the measure moves from here. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Thompson has her amendment, AM0948. That is the matter currently pending. (Legislative Journal page 1078.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Thompson, your light is first, so I'll give you an extra 30 seconds or so to review the amendment itself. Then we'll start your time. Thank you.