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SENATOR THOMPSON: Under current law it...I don't...I am trying to think of...are you talking in terms of restaurants only?

SENATOR BOURNE: Well, I'll tell you that I had a...

SENATOR THOMPSON: Because we have smoke-free lots of things.

SENATOR BOURNE: Well, I quess under statute. constituent call awhile back regarding a...it was an inquiry about a bowling alley, and then I came to find out, after looking into this problem, that bowling alleys are already supposed to be smoke free. So I guess what I'm saying is it seems to me there's some confusion, number one, in the current law as to what is and isn't smoke free, and then when you add your amendment and the committee amendment I get further confused. Because when we were talking about this bill on Thursday, we couldn't even determine whether or not a bar that popcorn or warmed-up pizzas would be considered a restaurant, and then you had given me some information that if they had a kitchen they would be...have to be smoke free. But if they had no kitchen they wouldn't be smoke free, or they could use their discretion as to whether or not they wanted to go smoke free. So I guess what I'm looking for is what is the current status of the law today, ...

SENATOR THOMPSON: Okay.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...what has to be smoke free and what doesn't, and compare that with the passage of LB 480 and the committee amendment.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Okay. Most of it is on page 3 of this amendment of what currently is smoke free. Places that you're probably thinking of, if people are talking about bowling centers, are their requirements under current law to have...you can't have smoking in the common areas, so if they have...are under this law, if they have a restaurant, if they serve food, then they have to have a nonsmoking area in their restaurant if they're over a certain square footage. There were...there was a lot of confusion years ago when I introduced the first one of these where bowling centers thought they were coming