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SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: So it would read: Any public place means any enclosed, indoor area of an establishment used by the general public or serving as a place of work, including, but not limited to, restaurants, retail stores, offices and other commercial establishments, et cetera. Okay. So then later on in the committee amendment, you simply banned smoking at, "smoking areas shall not be designated in an enclosed indoor area of a restaurant." So, basically, what the committee amendment does is ban smoking in restaurants.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. So what is the purpose of striking the language, as you've suggested in your amendment, AM0948? What does that do?

SENATOR THOMPSON: That puts the language of the law back to where it was.

SENATOR BOURNE: I don't...I don't follow.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Well, it's new language and it's covered...to be honest with you, we couldn't figure out where it came from. I mean, this is sort of from a few years back. It was brought to our attention. I'm not sure why it was in there, other than it may have been a concern of people about smoking in private offices, which...

SENATOR BOURNE: But if all you...

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...but it doesn't...it doesn't...that's covered in another section of the bill.

SENATOR BOURNE: In what regard? Are we...are we banning smoking in offices, or are we simply banning smoking in restaurants? I'm...

SENATOR THOMPSON: No, it's just in restaurants.