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amendment, and just to get moving on the amendment I'm going to ask Senator Jensen, and then we can get back to discussion of the bill. And so I'm going to yield my time to Senator Jensen, who's going to discuss the amendment to the committee amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. When Senator Thompson did bring this bill to us and the committee spent a considerable amount of time discussing this, we did make some changes and even went back to the bill that she had introduced a couple years ago and kind of blended the two, took mostly, however, out of the bill that was introduced two years ago. Then also in the indoor clean act that was...that has been into effect some time, we did not make too many changes on that with exception of this one here, which now Senator Thompson has introduced this amendment to make some changes and to take some of that out which I think adds clarity to it. I just might mention my mother-in-law, who lived with us for about six-and-a-half years and died a year ago in December, and we're constantly going through some of the things that she left and she was a collector of different things, and so this weekend, going through some boxes, and opened up this one box and here's a Reader's Scope, which really was the predecessor to Reader's Digest, 1946. I understand that was the same year that Senator Preister was born, 1946. The lead article in this is "Cancer Kills One Out of Eight: Cigarettes Cause Cancer," 1946. Today in America, cancer kills one out of eight people. At this...at this dread disease...as this dread disease takes its increasing toll, medical science fights a gallant but difficult battle. Medical authorities estimate that 17,000...17 million people now living will die of cancer. You or someone close to you may be the victim. Now scientific facts indicate that benzene and other cancer chemicals are released by smoking and drawn into the mouth, stomach and lungs of the smoker. Here are the dramatic facts. They are a challenge to tobacco manufacturers. They are facts which should lead every smoker to face squarely; 1946. How many people have died of cancer since 1946? And yet, we perpetuate this. And on top of that, people that have never smoked are breathing secondhand smoke again in places. You know, when I came into the Legislature 11 years