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Baker, followed by Senators Bourne and Thompson.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I've been trying to take in this discussion this morning and I...if there's one thing I've gathered from it, it's complicated. I don't know whether public office, private office, meeting halls, workplaces, where we are right now. I'm with Senator Bourne. I don't...I don't understand exactly where we're headed with this, but I think maybe if we want to do it, and Senator Friend is a tough act to follow, let's just ban sales of tobacco in Nebraska and be done with it. We'll get it out of our budget, the sales...or the tax on tobacco. Let's just quit nibbling around the edges and ban it and see what happens. I'm not a smoker. I've never been a smoker. I don't particularly care to be around people smoking, but I own a business and, quite frankly, I'd like to be able to run that business as I see fit. Right now, the bill is...we're discussing, I can't tell exactly where we are. I'm a little bit like Senator Janssen. We have prepared food. We have some that's in wrappers. What if we did...what if we put it in a microwave? Is that prepared, then, and so on? We're licensed, I think, as a restaurant. We seat 32 people. We allow smoking in it. We sell tobacco. Kind of ironic, you can come in the store, a C-Store, buy tobacco; but, I'm sorry, you got to go outside if you're going to smoke. We take their taxes and gladly do it. But so far the discussion today has led me to believe this is so complicated I'm not sure how we're going to administer it. We're going to have tobacco police, obviously, coming around. I guess maybe Lincoln is doing it and maybe it's working. I don't know. But I, as a business owner, I'd like to be able to have that decision to be made, you know, my...make it myself. I don't want to have to decide whether I've got to quit selling prepared food and just sell sandwiches and pizzas in wrappers and then not let them heat it up. I'm not quite sure how this is all going to work out. But maybe we'll get an amendment drafted that just says we're going to ban tobacco sales in Nebraska. It would affect our budget like, what is it, \$50-\$60 million a year, something like that; take a hit there and be done with it and see where that goes. Senator Friend and I, I guess, thinking along the same lines. And Senator Erdman, I said...thought maybe he had an amendment drafted to that effect. But my bottom line is this