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be a revenue source for them, and now they're expanding and advertising to Lincoln, once the ban went in place, to get more smokers to come to the State Fair to this particular building and they have expanded...are expanding to keno.

SENATOR BOURNE: So, okay, so there is a keno facility there?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Well, I'm not sure. I'm going to give...I heard that there's big signs out there. I have to find out for sure.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, so...

SENATOR THOMPSON: I'm just saying it went from something small to something big once Lincoln passed their smoking ban. It's sort of poke in the eye to the voters of Lincoln.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: But I also think...

SENATOR BOURNE: Oh, okay...

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...that it's not good state policy to exempt them.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. So again, we have an area that's surrounded by the city of Lincoln that's controlled by a board and this...and the board has been promoting...okay, you can't smoke there at the bar or the restaurant across the street, but come into State Fair Park where we have keno and alcohol and food and you can smoke there. And they're using this to...this revenue to bolster the State Fair. Is that...

SENATOR THOMPSON: I...I guess. I'm just a purist on this and it has to do with our buildings, our state buildings; that this isn't a private board.

SENATOR BOURNE: So...

SENATOR THOMPSON: We made it a state agency because of a lot of