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SENATOR BOURNE: ...has used money, tax revenues in this...in this regard, to make a consistent state policy, but I'm sure if we thought about it that we could find several examples. But again, it's not designed to be punitive in any manner whatsoever. It's simply designed to say that, all right, if this is the best idea or the best goal or the best way to do this, have no smoking for our citizens, then we should do it in as uniform and a consistent manner as we possibly can. I fully expect that there's some folks from Lincoln that would be opposed to this and, quite honestly, I don't blame them. But I do think that this Legislature is known for its discussion on ideas such as this. I think that a uniform policy is the best way to do it, and I can't think of a better way to do it than the stick and carrot approach. However, if somebody has a better idea to adopt a consistent policy, I'd certainly be happy to listen and work with that individual to try to do that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. You've heard the opening on AM1052, which is an amendment to the committee amendments to LB 480. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Bourne amendment. Senator Mines, followed by Senator Aguilar and seven others.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. Senator Bourne, you greatly disappoint me. I thought this amendment was punitive and I loved it. (Laughter) No, I'm teasing. Now that Senator Bourne has made his point about uniformity throughout the state and truly local control, this LB 152 (sic) does have some merit. I can understand where you're coming from now and I will support your amendment. I think it's a good amendment. But, more importantly, I just wanted to get up one time and explain my position and where I stand on the mainline LB 480. You know, it was Liza Minnelli that said smoking is the leading cause of statistics, and we have heard statistics and we will continue to hear statistics. One out of eight people die because of cancer, smoking-related cancer. I have no doubt about that. But I can tell you LB 480 isn't going to save anybody. If anyone thinks that eliminating smoking in public or privately owned restaurants is going to save someone's life, they're sorely mistaken. I don't have the statistics, but the