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why.      In the city of Lincoln, again, I mentioned that we had a bill that...

SENATOR CUDABACK:    One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE:      ...we had a bill in committee that would have basically overturned Lincoln's ban, and again, I don't think that's necessarily the right course of action now, but we had people come in and testify that they own cigar stores or cigarette shops and they can't smoke in those cigarette shops. Now, I'm a nonsmoker, have been for a number of years, long time.      I've never...since I stopped smoking 15 years ago, whatever it was, I've never been in a cigar store or a cigarette store. So my point is, is that the only people who are going there are people who want to smoke, so why should they not be able to do that in that business? And where it says "merely incidental," service or other products, that would be a cigarette or cigar store that sells lighters or pipes or whatever else that would be related to smoking. So it would clarify that...

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Time, Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE:      Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Thank you, Senator Bourne and Senator Mines. On with discussion, AM1052, Senator Aguilar, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR AGUILAR:      Thank you, Mr. President.      Members of the body, irregardless of what Senator Bourne says, his amendment does fly in the face of local control and I rise in strong opposition to it. Last Thursday he was getting up on the floor and talking about the involvement of big government. Well, what the heck does this amendment do? It's big government all over the place. It's taking away local control, some of the things that Lincoln has voted by a majority to put into place. It's no secret that Omaha wants even a stronger ban, so a lot of this conversation you're hearing today is designed to impact that down the road. I think it's sad that, you know, we have to be more concerned about the bottom line of bars in this state than