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we do with the health of Nebraskans. Senator Mines, I'm sorry, I can't be as flippant about people dying as you are. That really upsets me. In one breath you say, I quit smoking because I was afraid it was going to kill me; in the next you say LB 480 is not going to save anybody's lives. Well, I promise you it will help. It will cut down on Medicaid cost and I think that's what we're all about here and that's what we need to try to think about accomplishing. We need to stay focused. So far this morning we've had conversations that included welding shops, cigar shops, bars, a number of different businesses that are not in this bill. We need to stay focused on this bill. I've heard people get up and say they've heard from restauranteurs. I have, too, and the restauranteurs are telling me, we want you guys to do this; we want you to enact the ban. Because when you do it voluntarily you do drive away some of the business. But if a state does it all over, then there's no place else for those people to go. They don't have to get mad at the restaurant owner. It wasn't his fault. They'll remain loyal customers. This really is a commonsense approach, folks. I read something the other day that I think is really important to this discussion. The need, and I stress the word "need," to breathe smoke-free air has a priority over the desire to smoke. Think about that for a second. The need to breathe smoke-free air has a priority over the desire to smoke. What are we asking of people? What are we asking of smokers? Maybe they have to wait an hour to have a cigarette so that other people can breathe smoke-free air. That's a lot, isn't it? For heaven's sakes! If I have any time left, I would yield the rest of it to Senator Thompson, if she desires. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. Senator Thompson, about 2, 05.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you. And thank you, Senator Aguilar. You did a great job of framing this issue. This is about public health. This is about public health. Senator Bourne has introduced an amendment which he says is a carrot and stick approach, and it's to poor public health. Instead of encouraging cities and any...and...of the whatever class this is, it's obviously just directed at the city of Lincoln, to encourage, as a lot of federal policy does, it encourages good