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public health. I have never seen anything like this presented to this Legislature to do something of this nature to encourage poor public health. This is an overruling of the voters of the city of Lincoln who chose public health as a priority, and they chose to breathe clean indoor air. That's their decision. That doesn't mean people aren't smoking in Lincoln. They're still smoking in Lincoln. They just aren't smoking for the hour that they're eating. They're accommodating the public. They're accommodating...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...the public, who wants to breathe clean air. And this amendment is an effort to continue or to expand and push poor public policy down the throats of people and of the city that made that decision. We should defeat this amendment and get back to the discussion of the main bill and talk about the importance of clean air. And the small thing we're asking of a few of the smokers, this isn't all smokers, we're just asking a few of the smokers to please accommodate the public for public health reasons. I'm astounded by the comments of Senator Mines about statistics. There is public health research from all the leading educational...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...institutions in this country that supports the fact that secondhand smoke kills. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson and Senator Aguilar. On with discussion. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Janssen and others.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, friends all, including Senators Mines and Bourne, civility, common courtesy, decency, respect for others, these are things taught in elementary school. Who would expect a spittoon to be put in a restaurant where people are eating and you'd hear the (spitting sound)? Cigarette smoking is worse than that. The spittoon and its accompanying sounds may turn your stomach, but they won't turn you into a corpse. I know people who have died from lung