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opposition to the bill. I do support this amendment,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: ...I would say, but...what did you say, Senator Cudaback? One minute? Okay. Thank you. The thing that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: ...amazes me is Senator Janssen talked about freedom of choice, and the other day we were handed out a page and just in Douglas County there was eight eight-and-a-half pages of restaurants that are currently smoke free, eight-and-a-half pages, and I believe in Senator Bourne's comments the other day he talked about 3,000 restaurants statewide. I believe it's going that way already. It should go that way, but it should be the choice of the business. I think the antismoking groups should be out and they should be working with the businesses to convince them that they should ban smoking. It's amazing to me, reading the Lincoln Journal Star and the businesses downtown, the amount of volume they've lost since the smoking ban went in place.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne (sic) and Senator Janssen. On with discussion. Senator Synowiecki, followed by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. I'm really unclear on Senator Bourne's amendment, but I do agree with a position of moving toward a consistent and uniform public policy relative to this issue. I agree with a statewide approach and I would support a smoking ban if we could arrive at a definition for these venues that makes sense, that is clear, and that it can be easily interpreted for the proprietors and for the customers. I do have an amendment on file that's a little further down that would perhaps more broadly define the