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appropriate. I do want to say again that perhaps if politicians were faced with losing tax revenue, maybe they would listen a little bit more to business owners prior to adopting a fairly, in my opinion, Draconian standard. And again, I'm not criticizing anybody. The people of Lincoln have spoken, and I respect that, and I'm trying to honor that in this amendment. And Senator Beutler, his words saying that this discussion is appropriate, I appreciated that. The federal...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of AM1052 to the committee amendments to LB 480. Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. The last time I spoke, I think some of you may have misunderstood my delivery to be flippant or whimsical. I consider smoking a detriment to my health and anyone else that smokes, anyone else that smokes; not secondhand smoke. I quit smoking because it was detrimental. I was a smoker. I wasn't involved in secondhand smoke. And I tend to...again, statistics. Senator Bourne has statistics saying that secondhand smoke isn't as detrimental. Senator Thompson is doing a nice job of proving her case that secondhand smoke is detrimental. Let's...again, let's make it very clear, we're not going to cure cancer by eliminating smoking in restaurants. What we are doing is imposing on private citizens, imposing the will of this body on private business owners to make a decision about a legal activity in their businesses. Now, Senator Chambers suggested that some of us are carrying the water for the smoking lobby. And Senator Bourne did a nice job of lighting a fire. Frankly, I've never spoken to a lobbyist about smoking. I don't take lobbyists...the smoking lobby...don't talk to them. I don't take their money. I have nothing to do with them. I'm opposed to LB 480 just because it's imposing our will on private business, and that is wrong. Now, you know, I guess I could shoot the messenger. I could...Senator Aguilar said something like, it's about a need to smoke versus the desire to breathe.