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piece at this point. Perhaps we could develop this and, again, arrive at...and my intent here is to arrive at a meaningful definition of a bar that recognizes the discernible difference between a tavern-style oriented environment and a family restaurant. And that is my bottom line goal. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. You've heard the opening on AM1056. Open for discussion. Senator Johnson. Is Senator Johnson present? Yes, he is. Senator Johnson, followed by Senators Chambers and Bourne.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President, excuse me for being late. was visiting with the doctor of the day. I guess the reason that I'm standing up is, I've been amazed at the discussion this morning. I really didn't think that there was anybody in the state of Nebraska, let alone in the Legislature of Nebraska, that didn't appreciate the devastating health effects of smoking, both directly and secondhand. I just was amazed at some of the statements that have been made. I won't go any further than that. What I think we really need to talk about here this morning is this: How can we come up with reasonable public policy that does take into account these devastating effects of both direct and secondhand smoke, but do it in a businesslike manner so that we protect...let's put it differently, so that we make our decisions so that they do not discriminate against one business against another? How can we reasonably accomplish this? We're never going to do it perfectly, but how can we reasonably do this? This is what I think we should be talking about. Let's not talk about alcohol. When you have someone having a drink next to you, do those fumes affect you like smoke does? Of course not. We don't need to be talking about things like that. We don't need about...talking about smoking ban all over. We tried that with alcohol in the thirties. It doesn't work. We don't need to be talking about that. We're never going to do that. Let's talk about reasonable public health legislation, about how we can do this and not discriminate against one business against another. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator