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what this amendment...this division of the amendment does?

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: I need to find my original.

SENATOR BOURNE: I think it's FA157 of the divided component.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The second component, Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Senator Bourne, what I'm attempting to do is, on page 5 of the original committee amendments, as it relates to the definition of a bar, for purposes of LB 480. And currently, Senator Bourne, a bar means an establishment that serves alcoholic beverages, may provide limited food service, and prohibits the presence of minors. And limited food service means,...and it goes on to define limited food service. My...what I believe is that that's an oversimplistic attempt to discern the difference between a family-oriented restaurant atmosphere to a tavern type of atmosphere. And I'm attempting to...I'll admit firsthand, it broadens the definition of a bar relative to LB 480, or the committee amendment.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. And you're just basically distinguishing between...you had mentioned a Chili's or an Applebee's. And I think those facilities are smoke-free already, voluntarily, I might add. At least I think they are. I don't know. But what you're trying to do is establish that if a person wants to go to a bar and he or she goes there by themselves, it's not a family type venue, that they should be able to smoke in that place should they and the proprietor determine that it's appropriate to do so?

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Yes. I think, Senator Bourne, there is a difference between a family-owned (sic) restaurant, such as a...or, a Chili's, an Applebee's, and a Perkins, where the primary purpose of patronage is eating; and then you have other venues in which you might go for a ball game, or...I talked about, in debate last week, after a ball game, a Little League Baseball game, you may want to go to a tavern type style atmosphere and get a burger. And the parents might have a cold beer and the kids might have a cold pop. I think there's a difference between them two.