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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis. Senator Landis, did you wish to speak?

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you very much. I appreciate that. I was in conversation here. I oppose the Bourne amendment. I'm going to oppose the amendments that are not acceptable to Senator Thompson, so that she gets a fair shot at her bill. But then I'm going to vote against LB 480. By the way, there are plenty of lobbyists on all sides. It's not like there's just one side that has the crass set of lobbyists. There's a whole lot of money and a whole lot of suits out there on both sides. are two very powerful, effective lobbying groups. With respect to the issue of public health, I think public health is a legitimate goal and a valuable one. It is one of several competing values at play here. And one of the ways of responding to public risk is notice, is notice. For example, there's a notice on a bar that says, alcohol...drinking alcohol by pregnant women is dangerous to women. It doesn't say you can't do it. It doesn't say, bartender, you can't ... you have to ask if they're pregnant or not. We do that public entity by notice. I think notice is a fair way. And by the way, there is inadequate notice. I think employees who are going to be around secondhand smoke should have fair notice. I think anybody who is going to come in contact with secondhand smoke should have fair notice. I think, for example, the notion of, would you like to be in the smoking or the nonsmoking section, is bogus. You know why? Because it's all the smoking section. That's all a smoking section. And there is no such thing as a no-smoking section just because you call it that. Because if you're sitting in that section and there's a smoker in the smoking section, you're in the smoking section. So there's the problem I don't mind, however, that we separate with that approach. But I do...I think it's inappropriate to call those two. anything a nonsmoking section when there's a smoker present. On the other hand, you can take this too far. You can have a room full of all smokers, with employees who have been given notice and are there willingly, and LB 480 would say, yeah, but you can't do that. We don't care that everybody there is there by choice, we don't care that everybody there is a smoker, we don't care that there's a nonsmoker not present -- you can't be in that