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some other smaller suggestions that are a part of the bill that have come from people who work in this area. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. The Synowiecki amendment was ruled divisible. Senator Synowiecki, would you give us a quick review on the...on your FA157?

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Yeah, thank you, Senator Cudaback. The amendment was divided, and FA157 is to address the definition of a bar. As it was originally written in the...or presented in the committee amendments, whether or not your establishment is a bar was contingent upon the preparation or nonpreparation of food in an establishment. There was a lot of discussion yesterday relative to the questions surrounding what is and isn't the preparation of food, and so forth. And FA157 attempts to more broadly define a bar by indicating a bar is an establishment which sells...is a liquor retailer and sells pickle cards or has a keno at their establishment. In a nutshell, that's what the amendment addresses, or at least this division of the amendment speaks to the definition of a bar for purposes of LB 480. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki, for the review. Open for discussion on FA157, Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Senator Synowiecki and I have been discussing this amendment and I'm willing to go part way, not on this division, I think if we make some accommodation to the racetracks and keno and allow them to continue to be...have smoking but they still have to be under the Clean Indoor Air Act. So if they serve food and are over a certain size, they already have to have a smoke-free area. So that...nothing would change in that regard for some of the restaurants. But I draw the line at pickle cards, because what would happen restaurants, in order to avoid the Clean Indoor Act, would get pickles, and I think we'd see that spread and just become a way to get around and circumvent the law. However, I do know a high number of smokers do gamble, and would be willing to support the division of the amendment for the horse racing tracks as long as they're not on state property. And I'd also be willing to