TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE Transcriber's Office FLOOR DEBATE

April 13, 2005 LB 480

would leave some bars kind of out in the cold and require them to sell pickle cards in order to have an exemption, and I don't think that's good public policy either. So I would encourage you to defeat this division of the amendment. I do have a compromise amendment that I filed if you want to look at it, that does allow some expansion. It does not include pickle cards. And hopefully, we'll have an opportunity yet this morning to discuss that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Chambers, and this will be your third time, Senator.

Thank you, Mr. President, members of the SENATOR CHAMBERS: Legislature. Lobbyists, by and large, lack ethics entirely. They will do anything, they will say anything to get what their client wants. No senator would bring an amendment such as Senator Synowiecki has, talking about bars, and try to give the impression that that amendment is designed to help nonprofit So here's what the lobbyist tells the water charities. carriers: Run in there and say that these bars will now start selling pickle cards for the Boy Scouts out of the bar, so this amendment really is designed to help the Boy Scouts. You all buy that? I bet we got kids in the balcony too smart to swallow It gives them the opportunity to see how far afield that. lobbyists can make senators go to make a point. Synowiecki told us his amendment was to help these bars. Now it is transmogrified into an amendment to help nonprofits. talking about selling hard liquor and allowing smoking. But now it has become a amendment to help the nonprofits. And that's what you all are going to vote for in front of these young people you are supposed to be setting an example for about how intelligent we are, how deliberative we are? It's good that they have the opportunity to see how some of these lame-brain nonsensical laws get into the books. They are engineered by lobbyists who will get legislators to take leave of logic and their senses. Those who have listened to the discussion of this amendment will know that the one who brought it was talking He wants to separate bars from restaurants. He wants to talk about those places that serve hard liquor on the premises so that they can allow smoking if all they do is serve hard liquor. Well now the amendment is different. We're not