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and so forth. What I'm attempting to do with this mechanism, FA157, this part of the division, is to recognize in public policy, in public health policy, that there is a discernible difference in venues in terms of those that serve as a place of eating almost entirely, where a family comes in, has a dinner. What I'm speaking of here is your Applebee's, your Chili's, your Perkins-type of atmosphere. And then you have your locally-owned pubs or taverns, again, that oftentimes they serve a cheeseburger or a hamburger at lunch, and that those places, the latter places, often serve as a social gathering place where individuals come and they play keno; they may play pickle cards, and they're often frequented by individuals that smoke. This would essentially kind of give a competitive edge, if you will, to our locally-owned proprietors that fall within what I would describe as our tavern-type of an atmosphere or environment. What we're attempting to do here is better define also...also, yesterday during the debate, there was a lot of discussion relative to the current definition within the committee amendment relative to a bar. This will clean all that up. You...it would be very easily defined as to whether or not you fit the definitions of a bar and, therefore, are exempted from the provisions of LB 480. Very simple: Do you sell pickle cards or do you have a keno operation? If you have one of them two things, if you incorporate that within your business structure, you're exempt, you're a bar. You still maintain the right to have a nonsmoking establishment. Now also, the bill serves them purposes, to more easily define, more easily interpret it, what is a bar and what is not, and it recognizes that the difference, the discernible differences in our venues relative to restaurants and bars. With that, Senator Cudaback, I would close and I would appreciate your support for this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. You've heard the closing on FA157 of the divided amendment to the committee amendments to LB 480. The question is, should that amendment be adopted? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on adoption of FA157. Have you all voted on the amendment who care to? Have you all voted? Record please, Mr. Clerk. Senator Synowiecki.