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SENATOR BOURNE: That is accurate?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. So again, it's different in that the proprietor can choose whether or not to allow smoking if your amendment is adopted, versus the way the committee amendment said that there would...that it would be up to the person who rented the hall.

SENATOR THOMPSON: No, this is...the language that is being deleted means that it would be smoke-free automatically under the committee amendment because that isn't in there. So what you...so if you defeat my amendment, which is the compromise, then it goes back to not allowing smoking in rented halls.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. I'm just...again I'm trying to add clarity. So that if I own a building and I lease out a particular hall to private events, if your amendment, AM1179, is adopted to the amendment, assuming everything goes through, then the proprietor then would make the decision whether or not to allow smoking in his or her particular room that he's letting out?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Correct.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. That seems like a fair compromise. I just wanted to make sure that it wasn't banned. But it is...probably I guess you could characterize this as the ultimate local control, the business owner getting to decide whether or not there's smoking allowed in his or her facility. Is that accurate?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: All right. Thank you.

SENATOR THOMPSON: For a leased hall.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Senator Thompson. I will support the Thompson amendment, AM1179, but I will continue...I will