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vote green on this, but I'll continue to oppose the bill. I just, again, as we talked about yesterday, I just have a fundamental belief that government should stay out of people's lives as much as possible. And while this amendment...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...makes it better, again, what it would do is say that the person who owns the venue can decide whether or not to allow smoking. And I do think that's fair, more fair than saying no smoking whatsoever or forcing the owner to lease a building or, excuse me, a room in a building where they might not like to have smoke there, and I think there's an argument that you could make that they would be required to allow smoking unless the Thompson amendment was adopted. So I intend to support AM1179, but I will be opposed to the bill as well...or continue to oppose the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion, Thompson amendment, Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, and thank you, Senator Thompson, for your overture here relative to the amendment, LB (sic) 1179. I was wondering though...was wondering if you could yield to a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: In my district, and I would suspect across the state, it is not entirely uncommon for a family, for a wedding, funeral, any type of family social event, that they would have this function in a local bar and that they would essentially lease out or utilize a local venue, which would include a bar under the definition, as it's currently written in AM0802, for purposes of the social event. With this now, smoking would be allowed if a bar is utilized for the event...

SENATOR THOMPSON: No.