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a compromise on two issues, and I'd ask your support.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. You've heard the closing on the Thompson amendment, AM1179, to the committee amendments to LB 480. All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. The question before the body is the Thompson amendment, AM1179, an amendment to the committee amendments. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Thompson's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, next motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Thompson would move to amend with AM1190. (Legislative Journal pages 1181-1182.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson, to open on AM1190 to the committee amendments.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. This is another compromise amendment, based on the discussions of Senator Synowiecki and Senator Bourne yesterday. This amendment would amend the committee amendment to strike language...wait a second, I'm passing it out, (inaudible) got the wrong one...to allow restaurants that provide keno and restaurants that are located within a licensed racetrack enclosure, other than those on state property, to designate smoking areas until January 1, 2015. So this would put this in place for the next ten years as kind of a step-in way to deal with the concerns about restaurants that primarily cater to people who gamble and...because a lot of people who gamble also smoke. So...and I don't...this kind of gets to the issue that Senator Synowiecki and Senator Bourne were talking about of the general public and the thought being that we can't accomplish everything here. But for those of you who are still thinking about this, this is an accommodation to the part of the restaurant industry that is also active in gambling, in addition. So we can't get to 100 percent, but we can protect lots of workers by getting to the other parts of the bill. We