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stayed out of the discussion on the amendments because most of them were considered...were being considered for towns that were a lot larger than the ones in my district. I have the problem with LB 480, the way it's put together, I guess. We have a few establishments in my district in western Nebraska where dinners are served, suppers are served, and drinks are served also. I can literally name off every town that has one good eating place. You can start with Hyannis and, of course, there's the hotel, as we call it, and they serve suppers and meals there. If you don't...if something comes about by this bill that they can't be serving meals there, then there probably won't be anyplace to eat for somewheres around 150 miles on Highway 2. Lakeside has the Cattlemen's there and that is posted now as a smoking area in its entirety because the proprietor himself is a chain-smoker, so he set it up like that. They do work around it. They put...they have two ends of the building and they usually try and work around it, and people have been quite satisfied the way they've handled it. So that hasn't been a problem with smoking in that area. You can talk about McGrew and the Pink Palace, a very good place and prime rib is on Friday and Saturday night. Some of it is smoking areas. They do the same thing. Most of these small establishments that are run by proprietors out in those areas try to accommodate everyone the best they can, and for the most part it's been working out quite well. If you leave people alone without regulations, many times they'll work out a system that benefits everyone involved. So I have a problem with the LB 480 because I think all through the district there we will be losing these establishments and they serve a very needed purpose. Not only do they bring in some money from outside for people traveling through, but they also serve a purpose for local people to have areas where they can go and have their suppers. Most of these areas, like Lakeside, probably serves an area that's probably 30 miles in diameter...or in the radius of 30 miles. Would be 60 miles in diameter, 30 miles every direction from Lakeside is the area they serve. Now, when you stop and think of that, you'd be...you'd be driving out there on the other side of Seward or someplace for someplace to eat, and if that's the only one you had, why, I'm sure you would want to protect it the best advantage you could, especially when they're doing a very good job of taking care of their clientele. So I, as far as the