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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, don't...because Senator Bourne is naive about why racetracks exist, let me explain to you that they exist so that people can come there and gamble, and it's not to compete with McDonald's or Arby's. And people who bet the horses...I know this from having a lot of friends who have done it. They don't listen to me or anybody, or their family. If they go there and smoke at the same time and the only thing different is that they can't smoke, they will not stop going to the track. If stopping smoking would stop gambling, I then would bring a bill to abolish smoking throughout this state anywhere, and we'd solve a much more difficult problem. Because there are families that are not broken up from smoking necessarily, but they are destroyed because of gambling. So this notion that not allowing people to smoke at a racetrack will stop them from gambling is preposterous. And, Senator Bourne, your license to run a school is hereby revoked forever. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Thompson, there are no other lights on. You're recognized to close on AM1190.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Again, this amendment was offered as a compromise. It would allow restaurants that provide keno and restaurants that are located within a licensed racetrack enclosure, other than those on state property, which is our current law, except for the exceptions that are removed in the main amendment of the bill and the bill itself, to designate smoking areas until...they're given a ten-year window, till 2015, to become smoke-free.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. You've heard the closing on AM1190 to the Health and Human Services Committee amendments. The question before the body is, shall those amendment be adopted? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on adoption of the Thompson amendment, AM1190. Have you all voted who...Senator Thompson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR THOMPSON: A call of the house, please.