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activity. Now it's just a routine thing for people. So it is a public place, I don't think we can argue that. It also is a place of employment and, as we've heard before from Senator Aguilar, Senator Preister and others, a lot of teenagers are restaurant workers. In fact, that's a huge employer for teenagers, and they're all being exposed to the smoke and for long periods of time. So it's an employment issue. We don't allow that level of smoking in any other of our industries in the state; they're required to have designated smoking areas away from...that you can get away from the smoke. We don't do that for this particular industry; I think it's time we get there. I want to close by letting you hear what I got in response, which I was really kind of astounded by last year, when we first introduced this bill and people started writing in. But I'm going to just read a few comments from real Nebraskans in their situations, which I hope you will take to heart and help move this to the second round of debate. And there are some people who aren't here today that were supporters, so this is going to be a pretty hopefully tight vote that we can move this forward with. This is from a parent. It says: As a parent, it upsets me to take my children into a restaurant or other public place where smoking is allowed. Smokers have a choice as to whether or not they inhale harmful pollutants into their lungs; my children do not. It would nice for a change to enjoy a meal...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...in a smoke-free environment. Another statement: Outlawing smoking in restaurants will protect the health and well-being...it strikes...of people in Nebraska. The bill strikes a chord with me because I'm allergic to smoke, and I also had a dear relative die because of his exposure to secondhand smoke. Regarding smoking in restaurants, I like this one, it was in a letter to the editor: It's like asking children to urinate in only one-half of the pool. This is another one that I...from a constituent in Omaha: We have a three-year-old son, Jared, who is asthmatic. He was hospitalized three times his first year of life, all because of asthma. As a matter of fact, his first hospitalization was when he was nine months old and we had gone to a restaurant that had people smoking. A few days later he was in the hospital, a direct result of breathing