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PRESIDENT: Frank Lewis amendment.

SENATOR CARPENTER: After he concluded I'm going to move the previous question.

PRESIDENT: O.K. Senator Stahmer on the Lewis amendment.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well I'd like to ask Senator Lewis a question. He would graciously yield to withdrawing his amendment. We'd talk about the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis will yield

SENATOR LEWIS: I certainly won't.

SENATOR STAHMER: All right, now we will talk about the Lewis amendment. Thank you. I would graciously like to oppose the Lewis amendment and support Senator Marsh in her original bill. I think Senator Marsh is not trying to cast anyone or everyone in her own shadow. I have served with Senator Marsh on budget for two years, and I think I know of her as I speak. I think Senator Chambers hit the nail on the head when he talked about not what we do ourselves, but what do we do to others. And I think when we have the pollution of the air and the pollution of the brain both, I think that it's time the we allow ourselves to be protected in self defense. If people want to put ten cigarettes in their mouths at one time and light them up and stuff a couple in their ears then those and light them up and go in a closet, I could care less. They can have so much smoke they can walk on it. But I think that when it comes to where other people who don't particularly enjoy this aberration they ought to show some consideration. If they won't show consideration, I say to hell with them,--let's get touch and fine them. That's the way you take care of problems such as this. And I'd like to show....I had mailed to me a sample of what happens what happens to peoples lungs when they do and don't smoke and you can see this dirty little blob here, and I guess if you touch it it will probably disintegrate. And this is what we are allowing and encouraging people to do. And I'd be happy to show this to anyone that thinks their lungs aren't turning black with all that garbage. But, finally in closing I would like to say as a member of Budget Committee, we have come before us all the different derelicts of the sins, and I commit sins myself of both smoking and drinking and they end up in our hospitals, and we don't have the taxes necessary to support these hospitals. We are going to have all this legalized sinning, why don't we raise the taxes enough to support this..the sinners support themselves and not ..stop having the general public support all the sinning that's going on and let the sinners support themselves. We've got the worst of all worlds. We've got our hospitals clogged with people with no lungs, and their livers are going out, and inflicting damage on others. I think Senator Marsh has a very reasonable bill and I think it's something we ought to do to protect women and children and those defenseless people who can't defend themselves.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and members of the body. I rise to oppose the amendment to support the bill. I believe supporting the amendment will kill the bill. As a smoker and a heavy smoker this hasn't got anything--to do whether Kelly smokes or he doesn't smoke. But it does have something to do where I do it. Years ago when I started smoking we had customs in society where you would smoke and where you wouldn't smoke. And we people who smoke