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four tables around and the 20 by 60 feet you get a lot more in than that. Is this correct that a restaurant with a bar already would be exempt in that category?

SENATOR STONEY: I attempted to make that point earlier in the debate when we discussed this issue on Monday of this week, Senator George. I feel very comfortable that the Department of Health in establishing and promulgating rules and regulations will take into consideration these small restaurants at the time those rules are adopted. For that reason, I feel comfortable that such an amendment that is being offered is not necessary. I advised Senator Maresh when he just handed the amendment to me that I will not fight it because I understand that it is a problem and I do have enough political savvy to know that there are individuals here that are opposed to the bill without the amendment.

SENATOR GEORGE: And a 1200 square foot restaurant with a bar operation is already exempt, is that correct? That is what Senator Maresh said.

SENATOR STONEY: The Department of Health would make the determination. All I have....

SENATOR GEORGE: It is not in the bill at this point (interruption).

SENATOR STONEY: It is not in the bill because there is no definition for a bar or a restaurant. That will subsequently be decided by the Department of Health and all affected categories, such as, a restaurant, a bar, a medical facility, an auditorium, et cetera, as to what the rules, regulations, specifications will be for each of those establishments.

SENATOR GEORGE: You do not feel like amending this to 1,000 square feet?

SENATOR STONEY: Personally I do not feel that it should be amended but I advised Senator Maresh I will not.....

SENATOR GEORGE: I am talking about amending his amendment. He has 1200 square feet right now which is 20 by 60 which is maybe in some people's opinion not exactly a small restaurant.

SENATOR STONEY: Well, Senator George, what is your suggestion, and if you have a lesser figure that you feel would be more acceptable, then I would invite you to offer that.