

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers moves to (read amendment).

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, Section 14 is on page 12 of the bill, the white copy, Section 14 states that there will be educational requirements. It says that at least eight hours of additional education requirements will have been completed each year since the licensee was...since the license was last renewed. Senator Chambers indicated that he did not feel that the additional education requirements were necessary. That once someone knew how to cut hair there was no need for continuing the education. I don't know about some of his other qualifications, but I trust him as a barber. I said that since he is here to defend himself.

PRESIDENT: It looks like he lost his razor though, doesn't it. Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. For informational purposes I should add with reference to this amendment that is being offered that it was a part of the report of the performance review and audit committee that was done on the Board of Barber examiners at the time we considered the Sunset Legislation. In this report that was completed by the fiscal staff and also reviewed by Mr. Lanning who was the manager of the Board of Barber Examiners, this is the information that they had about licensing a provision that you are presently considering. It says "that licensing is intended to protect the public from incompetent barber practitioners. The current licensing procedure tests compensate twice in a barbers career. Both of these tests are at the beginning of the career. One is to obtain an apprentice license and one is for a barbers license. After those initial tests no test of competency is required unless the barber fails to renew the license. A barber can maintain a license for a lifetime simply by paying the fee without making an effort to maintain its competency. Thus licensing does not assure competency." So, what they were saying with this particular provision is that they feel there might be some minimal requirements in the way of competency that barbers should obtain during the period of time they do practice barbering. Now, you either believe that this is and would be healthy or you would believe that an individual once they receive a license, that is it and nothing further should be done. So I provide this as a point of information. This was included in the study. They did feel that it would be beneficial to the barbers and the licensing board. So, I would ask that you consider this when you decide to cast your vote either for or against the vote being offered by Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature I'd hoped to stay out of this discussion especially since Senator Cullan handled it so well, but what that amendment does is to benefit barber schools. That is the whole thing pure and simple. The competency of a barber is insured by the people who come to him for hair cuts. If he can't do the job, people are not going to come to him or her, barbers are too plentiful. So, when they try to equate barbering with medicine or law or some other professional endeavor and