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this bill places no burden on the taxpayer. The agency regulating the industry is cash funded by fees. The costs of the licensing will be minimal. It will not raise the cost of the services. Last year, we heard a personal testimony from a person who ended up in a hospital because of an infection caused by a botched artificial nails application. The risk is real. I've...I've handed out the outline of the bill and the pertinent things that the bill covers. The bill requires a nail technician to have 600 hours training from an approved school. Sixteen hours of the training must include instructions on how to operate a nail drill. One of the questions in the committee was, what is a nail drill? It's a file that's electrically run. A license is valid for two years. Eight hours of continuing education is required for renewals. The provisions of the bill become effective January 1, 2000. Anyone practicing nail technology now will be allowed to apply for a license without an exam and the education requirement this fall. Once they are licensed, they must comply with the continuing education requirement. The provisions of this bill do not apply to the practice of applying nails on members of their own family or in just regular manicures. With that, I will ask for the advancement to Select Files (sic) and be glad to answer any questions anyone has.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I would like to thank Senator Suttle for working on this. This was introduced last year. I would also thank her for not putting the committee through the pictures that were presented to us last year that really presented to us some of the problems that can happen by the chemicals, by the improper use of the drills and some of the other equipment that is used in this nail technology. She has worked through the summer and brought the bill back. It was unanimously advanced from the committee and the fiscal note, you might look, it would appear that the expenditures are more than revenue. It should, however, be cost supported by the revenue which is generated from the fees that are charged. With that, I would also ask that you advance this bill to Select File. Thank you.