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the moment to bracket for a limited, useful period of time. On General File, I voted against the bill. I didn't have any discussion on the floor. Senator Suttle asked my thoughts on that. Understand that there's a portion of LB 68 that I endorse and think is a good idea. I think there is an element of physical and medical risk for people who undergo this nail technology and, therefore, it is appropriate to make sure that the people who are doing that are competent. There is an element of serious danger, physical danger. So I don't want to kill the bill in that sense. I don't want to throw away that value. The value I want to endorse, however, is that I think it's overreaching. Six hundred hours of training strikes me as excessive and I also think that it has a certain amount of anticompetitive quality. Understand that women are both the beneficiaries of this, generally, the beneficiaries of this technology, and they're also the entrepreneurs, for the most part, who conduct it. And I'm concerned that we not only protect, in the case of incompetence from physical injury, I'm also interested in making sure that there are entrepreneurial opportunities available that are within the reach of people, and my most concern is that I find that this is an area of entrepreneurialism in the minority community. If you take a look at the minority community, you'll find a good deal of activity in this area, and I want to make sure that it's consistently available as an opportunity for entrepreneurship, particularly by minority women, and that's why I don't want the standard out of reach of people of ordinary means and of...of people who have the desire to do this and are willing to invest but not at an excessive level. I am against the idea of striking the enacting clause because that says there isn't an issue of competence that's worth our consideration, and there is. I do think the right motion is the motion to bracket, because my guess is that Senator Suttle has no desire to foreclose reasonable discussion or reasonable rules and regulations in the area, and I think that should not be one of those strategic ones for the end of the session but in terms of a week at the most, which is why I'll vote against the Chambers motion to return to Select File to strike the enacting clause.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Senator Suttle.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to oppose the