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can do is make a motion to return it and for the purpose of offering a specific amendment, but that is such a cumbersome way to try to fine tune a bill, but this one needs more than fine tuning. This one needs pruning. I didn't use the terms "frivolous" and "silly" about this activity, Senator Suttle. Maybe if you construe my words that way you could arrive at that conclusion, but that was not my intention. My intention is in letting you know that you don't have to be a brain surgeon to do this kind of work. You don't. You don't. As far as filing income tax, you can have somebody assist you if you don't speak English. Paying sales tax, you don't have to speak any language. You just have to put the money down when you make the purchase. If you're in one of these highfalutin' professions, like medicine, dentistry, or law, you're going to have to have...you're going to have to have been speaking English and understanding how to read it to finish the course. But we're not talking about those kind of professions and I don't want this discussion to be clouded in that manner. And I am very concerned about women and women's welfare. I love women better than women love themselves. Now how do you like that? Because I want for women what some women are afraid to insist on for themselves. They set a lower standard in terms of what they're entitled to, whether it comes to respect, compensation for work done, or just simple decent human treatment that gives consideration to their dignity as human beings. But in this bill, again, going to the letter that was written by the person from the school, her point, I believe, is that if you put a thousand hours in it, it would be good for the school. They get more money. You make the students have to go a longer time. But it's clear from what her requirements in her school are right now that you don't need 600 hours to learn how to do this activity. Barbers don't have to learn how to stop bleeding if you cut through an artery, none of that. And if so many people who constitute "the other", were not involved in this, we wouldn't have a bill like this. Women have been doing this kind of nail work even when I was a small child, 'cause I used to see them doing it. Some of them did it at home; some of them did it in beauty shops. So it's been in practice forever, I guess. But then, "those people" started coming to the shores of America. "Those people" started finding their way to the interior of this country. "Those people" started engaging in this activity, so now it's necessary to raise the barricades