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SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Chambers and I have gone together and worked on this bill and made it better than it was. AMO909 has two major substantive parts. First, the grandfather clause is changed and the number of education hours needed to get a license to practice as a nail technician or an instructor is lowered. The remaining changes in AMO909 are intended to make the bill easier to understand and reduce redundant regulations. The requirement that an applicant for a nail technician license must have a minimum of 600 hours. That has been changed to between 150 to 300, as set by the Board of Cosmetology, and let them to decide how long those courses would last. The requirement that an applicant for a nail technology instructor license must have a minimum of 600 has been changed to between 150 and 300, beyond the training required for the nail technologist as set by the Board of Cosmetology. The grandfather clause is stricken, and that means that this allows any person who wishes to apply for any license created in the bill to apply for and received the license upon payment of the fee, executing a statement that the person intends to comply with the provisions. All other requirements remain intact, including the requirement for a high school education. Many of the redundancies were caused by including nail tech practices within the scope of practice for cosmetologists. Cosmetologists were added in 1998 version of the bill by the Health and Human Service Department and the cosmetologists objected to the bill that was introduced in 1998, and with the additions they agreed, and with these...with this amendment Senator Chambers agreed, and I would ask you to please vote to return to Select File for this amendment. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Suttle. Further discussion on the motion to return to Select File LB 68, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Suttle and I did work on this bill. I had talked to some members of the Cosmetology Board and in this situation, Senator Smith, I am the nail, Senator Suttle was the hammer and she struck the nail on the head.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. With no other