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the skin, all in the name of body art. And I believe that it is time that we address this issue. With that, I do urge your support of LB 905 (sic). I do support the committee amendments, which have really become the bill. And the bill does address some technical issues and clarifies some language. It doesn't change the original concept, but rearranges some of the provisions. I do also want to say that the bill did come out of committee unanimously. And I do ask for your support. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Jensen, as Chair of Health and Human Services, offers committee amendments.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Jensen, to open on committee amendments to LB 906.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. The committee amendment, AM2249, replaces the bill as introduced, but retains the essential substantive provisions of the bill. The amendment provides for the licensure and regulation of body art and body art facilities under the Nebraska Cosmetology Act. The amendment adds and amends definitions from the introduced bill. Section 26 through 23 (sic) of the amendment would require a person to be licensed before they can engage in the practice of body art. A license to practice body art expires and needs to be renewed on March 31 of each odd-numbered year. Section 34 through 40 contain substantive provisions about licensing and regulation of body artists and body art facilities. Section 34 provides qualifications for licensure. Applicants must pass practical examinations conducted by the board to test their knowledge of infection control practices, requirements including appropriate safety, sanitation, and sterilization techniques. The amendment has a grandfather provision. Section 35 deals with qualifications for registrations as an apprentice of body art. Section 37 provides the following requirements for body artists. Persons engaged in performing body art must meet applicable sanitation standards adopted by the board, use appropriate sterilizing equipment, keep case history cards for five years on