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cases we have. I know that it has become of greater concern to our medical doctors, with all the procedures that are now used that weren't even used five years ago. I do know that the Dental Association is concerned about the effect that it is having on teeth, tongue. I know that we had a mother that was planning to come to testify that day, but she was taking her daughter to a doctor's appointment. She had had a tongue piercing, blood had run down to her heart, she was now having some heart problems. And so as I recall, the day of the hearing was kind of a similar day to this; the weather was not good. And so...but I hope that might answer some of your question.

SENATOR BOURNE: So we don't know if there's ever been...the article that you handed out talks about hepatitis C, and certainly that's something that we all should be concerned about, the transmitting of that disease. But we don't know if that's ever occurred here in Nebraska?

SENATOR STUHR: I would assume it has, because this year the Medical Association...last year, when I introduced the bill before the Judiciary Committee, there happened to be the doctor of the day in...sitting in and listening to the hearing. He also expressed concern that they were seeing a number of cases with infection and skin diseases and such, and just expressed that the Medical Association was certainly interested in this area, and felt that we needed to do something along these lines.

SENATOR BOURNE: Senator Stuhr, how much does it cost...in addition to this training, how much does it cost to obtain a license to do this? Senator Stuhr is looking through the bill. Listen, maybe I'm concerned about this and I shouldn't be. But it seems to me that when you're requiring 37.5 months of training for a tattoo artist or an earring piercer, and that's more training than our police or our firemen receive, I'm just wondering if we're maybe overreacting to a certain extent, and particularly when we don't...while we have some anecdotal stories from hospital people saying that, oh, you know, so-and-so had their tongue pierced and there's a problem, I guess what I'm concerned with is we don't have anything from the Nebraska Department of Health saying, here's the harm. We need to enact a fairly strident...or stringent set of statutes to