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What we were doing was setting up just some guidelines. If, you know, we're certainly willing to look at that, but what we wanted to prevent, again, were those fly-by-night kinds of operations that are not reputable. Our reputable tattoo practitioners and body piercers did testify. We have not received one phone call in opposition. There was no one opposing the bill in committee. So, you know, we're certainly willing to work, but these standards are, I think, very similar to those that might be licensed in the act, the Nebraska Cosmetology Act, and the other areas that are included in that: cosmetology, electrology, emergency medical technician, esthetics, funeral directing and embalming, massage therapy, and nail technology. So we...I think there was some thought about that we are setting up a whole new bureaucracy. We are not. This is all falling under the Nebraska Cosmetology Act and the board would do the regulating. We've worked very closely with Health and Human Services in drafting the amendment and we also have the support of the State Board of Health, the Nebraska Medical Association, the Dental Association, the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department, and law enforcement officials. So...and we've also been contacted by numerous practitioners and parents who are very supportive of this legislation.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: One minute.

SENATOR STUHR: I think also we talked about the other day...I think Senator Bourne asked, well, how many cases have been reported? You know, is this a problem? This industry has never been regulated so that is one reason that we don't have documentation, but I can tell you that there is a great concern because of the sanitation practices, the needles and things that are used in this area. And I believe one of the handouts that I shared with you, the orange copy, that hepatitis C is the most common chronic viral infection. I believe Senator Combs pointed out that this is a blood-borne disease that the results are not often seen for at least ten years. So you don't always just see the immediate repercussions.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Time has expired.