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permanent color technology, and body branding. And we're also talking then, again, about the facilities. Again, the legislation would require a notarized consent from a parent or a court-appointed guardian and asking for the presence of that parent or court-appointed guardian when that procedure is done. And I might just add that in some states they actually prevent anyone under the age of 18 from receiving tattoos and the body piercing, and then also that the body practitioner has to keep these forms for five years in a file. Also, the bill provides that nothing in the Nebraska Cosmetology Act shall be construed to authorize a person to perform the practice of medicine and surgery. We are seeing a lot of strange things being done to individuals these days in the way of almost to the point of mutilation of their bodies, and so this will prevent that. This year we have had considerable support for this measure from the Nebraska Board of Health, from the Nebraska Medical Association, the Dental Association, Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department, law officials. I believe that it is actually past time that we look at this issue, and I think the most important part of the whole issue is looking at the safety and the welfare of people who do want to have this procedure done. And what we are trying then to set up was of making sure that conditions are sanitary, that equipment is sterilized so that we do prevent the disease that sometimes happens, and we talked about that, hepatitis particularly, some of these blood-borne diseases. So with that, I would be happy to answer any of your questions, but I do look forward to your support and I believe that the time has come for this measure to be adopted. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Chambers, did you wish...?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, in order that it's clear what I'm doing, because I should say it on the mike, Senator Jensen has offered us an amendment to LB 906 and I was going through it and trying to mark my copy of the bill, and having just received it, I have not been able to do that. So, by dividing the question, that will give us an opportunity to go through what is being done. And I don't know that I would be opposed to any of it, but I at least want to be sure. And the reason I'm doing this, I was given a much shorter version by Senator Stuhr, or by