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Legislature can do.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Bourne, followed by Senator Jensen. Senator Bourne, did you...I'm sorry, I did not see you. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Actually, when we were on General File I suggested and said that my office would be happy to sit down with all the parties, as Senator Landis had mentioned, and work through this situation, and I do concur with Senator Landis that this could be done better off the floor than here in the Legislature, and that offer still holds true. I would be more than happy to do that. I do recall what Senator Landis was talking about several years ago where we had cosmetologists and we had nail people. And I can remember that hearing very vividly where the industry brought in pictures of people who had their nails done and many times there was not the proper sterilization of instruments where they do filing and grinding and putting on of the nails that women...well, I say women, perhaps men too...use in that industry. And the pictures were hideous, let me tell you that, of people that had infections and they had other problems that went on for many, many years. And we have this all the time in Health Committee where individuals, different organizations who are doing things to the body that affect health of the body, through infections and through whatever that might be. To tell you the truth, this falls in line with that, that any time that you are...tattooing is done with needles, with injecting dye, we're doing piercing of body parts that we never did many, many years ago anyway. And I understand that perhaps that is a new industry and...but should those industries be regulated? And what is the role of government in this entire situation and regulation of things that people seem to want to do? I would contend that any time where health is involved there does need to be regulation, there does need to be licensure. Yes, at a minimum, to the point where health is not a factor, if somebody wants to color their body. And I understand also what Senator Bourne was talking about. When you go in for an operation anymore, to make sure that they don't operate on the wrong knee or the wrong hand or the wrong eye, they make marks on that body that indicate this is the part, this is the left, this is the