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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: I'll continue on my next time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Bourne.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm going to offer an amendment to strike this language about medical purposes. This is a bill that relates to a trade, an avocation, a profession, or whatever you want to call it, but it is not to regulate medicine. So any activity that could be considered the practice of medicine is off-limits anyway. The department or Board of Cosmetology does not regulate medicine, medical practice or anything else. So to intermix in this bill, as a part of a definition of what these people are going to be doing is medical purposes, that makes no sense to me. I don't know if this language came from a model bill or legislation someplace else, but I am not prepared to even let this bill move unless they want to let it move and then it gets stopped on Final Reading. I don't know that anybody can tell us what's in this bill when the introducer cannot tell us, and that's not meant to be a pejorative criticism. I don't know that Senator Jensen can explain it, and he's not here. But let me pose a rhetorical question. Senator Mike Friend may be aware of this and he may not, unless he goes back to his own experience. People who are at that age where we refer to them as adolescents, can be very hardheaded, very rebellious, very stubborn, and you tell them don't do this, and you've given them a road map of what they're going to do. So let's say that you're hung on the horns of a dilemma. You don't want your child to have his or her body pierced, period. But the child is going to have it done anyway. There is nothing in the law to prevent another young person from doing it. Would you rather, if it's going to be done, that that young person under the age of 18 go to an individual who is trained and knowledgeable, or go to somebody who's a member of the team, the sorority, the fraternity, or just the neighborhood? I have seen articles where they will show a picture with something on an individual's arm where the person who put it there was trying to make a