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you all voted who care to on the Stuhr amendment, AM2972, to AM2963? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Stuhr's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. AM2972 has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, next amendment.

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to amend the Stuhr amendment with FA1551. (Legislative Journal page 934.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on amendment FA1551 to AM2963.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there will be some discussion I will have with Senator Stuhr on her bill, but I won't do it on this particular amendment because I don't want it to get caught up in other aspects of the bill and people might misunderstand how simple this amendment is. But on page 7, in line 13, I would strike the two words "or medical." And in order that the record will be clear, I'm going to read the provision which is labeled Section 12 on page 7: "Permanent color technology means the process by which the skin is marked or colored by insertion of nontoxic dyes or pigments into or under the subcutaneous portion of the skin upon the body of a live human being so as to form indelible marks for cosmetic or medical purposes." I'm striking "medical" because it is unnecessary and it will take away any possible notion that anybody could have that a tattooist, a body artist, a brander, or whatever terminology one of these practitioners will apply to himself or herself, would be authorized to engage in certain medical activities because of the presence of the words "or medical." There are no medical purposes that should be implicated in this bill. It's not regulating the practice of medicine. It is not authorizing any medical activities by these practitioners covered by the bill. So the striking of these two words will bring clarity without taking anything away from what the bill is designed to do. That is all that I think I need to say on this amendment. And other discussion that I have about various aspects of the bill will be