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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Combs. The issue before the body is the Stuhr amendment...I'm sorry, the Chambers amendment, FA1551, to the Stuhr amendment. On with discussion of the Chambers amendment, Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I do support Senator Chambers' amendment. As we've said before, we are really plowing new ground in this bill and I appreciate all the people that have put forth effort in trying to come together, and particularly Senator Bourne. I know that we had a little discussion yesterday and I know that we all are on the same page as trying to protect the public, to have some regulation and setting some standards, having some licensing for the practitioners and the facilities in this area. I think this is the first time that probably the Medical Association and a whole host of other organizations have really come forward and said we need some regulation in this industry, and that's what this bill is all about. And I know that it's not perfect. We've tried our best, but we have delayed the implementation date until April 1 of 2005, which will give us time to even come back next session if we need to make some minor changes. But again, I do support Senator Chambers' amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Bourne, on the Chambers amendment to the Stuhr amendment.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, I rise in support of the Chambers amendment, and I talked about this on General File, if you recall, Senator Stuhr. I said that individuals who are receiving radiation treatment for whatever purpose oftentimes get tattoos. And I had said that the bill was overly broad in that those medical individuals that apply the tattoo then would have to be licensed body artists. So I appreciate Senator Chambers doing this and taking that out. I think that's an appropriate amendment. We had some discussion yesterday regarding what the criteria that is to be established by the Department of Health and Human Services, the criteria as it relates to Section 25, subsection (d), and Senator Stuhr and I had a discussion and I don't think she quite understood what I was trying to do. I was trying to establish a record. Because