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body. I really didn't want to get into this discussion because I think in my district I don't know if we even have anybody that does tattooing. But I guess the part that I'm concerned about is why are we doing this, and if it's necessary. I was wondering if Senator Stuhr would yield to some questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr, would you yield to a question from Senator Louden?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Senator Stuhr, can some of the...some of the cities in this circular that you passed out, printed out of the Omaha World-Herald March 12 in there, and it said, like, the city of Kearney already regulates these tattoo parlors, and the city of Council Bluffs. Why are we doing this on a state level? I mean, can't those cities regulate that themselves?

SENATOR STUHR: the problem, Senator Louden, is that they will just move the facility outside of the city limits many times. Those are city ordinances. So this has happened first in the city of Lincoln and now they have made it the entire county. But the Medical Association, the Dental Association, I guess five years ago when I first brought this issue, it didn't seem to be as much of a health issue as it is today; that we're seeing people coming to dentists, to the doctors' offices with infections, with oozing matters, things that have been done through these body practitioners, and so it...we really feel that it is overdue that the state now would then have a regulation so that we would have some uniformity across the state.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay. Now, if you go ahead and have the state get into this business then, then the state would have to hire inspectors and they would have to either put that on, what, Human...Health and Human Sources (sic) division or the cosmetology? I mean, somebody will have to inspect this and when you do that then the state is the one that's going to have to pick up the tabs on that. Am I correct?

SENATOR STUHR: Senator Louden, that's why we've included it