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SENATOR JENSEN: I sure can.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. I just want to make sure...if they're doing this contrary to law, they should be punished. But I don't think that they should lose their license forever. And I'm curious what the regulations call for in terms of a suspension. It has to be significant enough to make sure they don't do this. But it can't be so significant that they shouldn't be able to earn a living.

SENATOR JENSEN: I'll be glad to check into that and get you that information.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you very much.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Further discussion. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Beutler's discussion called something to my attention. And the issue is whether a person under 18, with the consent of a parent or guardian, should be allowed to avail himself or herself of the services of a tattooist. Contrary to what Senator Stuhr said, I don't think it's a matter of health at all. If somebody is 17 years, 364 days old, there's not that much difference between that person on Monday and that person Tuesday, when he or she will be 18 years old. So if it's health, then we should drop that age a lot lower. This is a cultural notion which some people have. And they think they should be able to impose their view, through the law, on everybody, and how everybody looks at his or her child. If tattooing is going to now be regulated by the state, the state has to be careful that it doesn't go beyond what regulation would be designed to do, and get into the area of dictating certain attitudes, certain mores, certain notions of morality and propriety. The reason earlobes are left out is because women pierce the ears of their little baby girls, and sometimes little baby boys now. So that is a cultural thing. Pierced ears is something...are things...let me make it singular all the