

SENATOR MILLS: The only reason why, I don't differ with you, the only reason why I'm hesitant about trying to change that is in the previous description and maybe Senator Lewis or Senator Fowler can enlighten us there, there is a definition of drug product select and that's the reason why I am concerned about that particular area. There's Senator Clark. He's a pharmacist. Maybe he can tell us about that. Are you aware of that Senator Clark?

SENATOR DUIS: Would you do that, Senator Clark? Would you explain that to me why it is worded the way it is?

SENATOR CLARK: The reason the sign is worded the way it is now is because it is taken directly out of the law. It's a highly confusing sign to most people. It's redundant in saying that drug product select, which really doesn't mean anything to the average individual. It's getting the product selected and what they are attempting to put in here will merely clarify the language. I've had a lot of pharmacists write me on this, telling me that the people can't even understand the sign and even the pharmacists think it's a very very bad sign, but it was taken right out of the law. That's the reason they put it in and I think what he is proposing here certainly would make it so that anyone coming up before the pharmacy to get any product select would know what it means. Product select is only for a pharmacist's use because you're trying to get something that is bio-equivalent and therapeutically equivalent to something else and that's what they are attempting to say here that they can take something that is therapeutically equivalent at a less cost unless the people that want this do not want it. Personally, I think it is a good amendment.

SENATOR DUIS: I realize that too, but I was wondering if you might look at page 949 of the present statute. I'm not concerned about the change in the sign. I think that's great and the way it should be but I was wondering if you might explain to me on line nine, page 949, of your Journal.

SENATOR HEPNER: Senator Duis, you have one minute left.

SENATOR DUIS: Okay, on line nine, if you would read line nine and ten and see if it is necessary that it read that way.

SENATOR CLARK: Unless the pharmacist may drug product select a drug product?

SENATOR DUIS: Yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Well, that's what the law says now.

SENATOR DUIS: No, but I say is that a necessary language?

SENATOR CLARK: No, it is not.

SENATOR DUIS: I didn't think so and I was wondering why.

SENATOR CLARK: The only thing I think he is trying to do is change the sign that is in the drug store at the present time.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, I realize that.

SENATOR CLARK: So that it is not a redundant type thing.