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the other members here I will be reassured, but at this time I would like to reserve that provision for a later date.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Stoney and then Senator Cope. Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Well, I would like to state, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, that I as an individual am certainly in favor of providing better eye care to the citizens of the State of Nebraska. Although I do have some reservations, if it means there will be a reduction in the eye care, which would in some way endanger the safety, or the health or the welfare of these individuals. With the committee amendments, I was wondering if I might, for my edification and for the record, ask Senator Clark a question about some of these items that are going to be topically used since I'm not familiar or feel comfortable with some of the drugs that are mentioned.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Clark, do you yield?

SENATOR CLARK: Yes.

SENATOR STONEY: Senator Clark, I was wondering...in the committee amendment, I know that antiseptics have now been stricken. Anesthetics...are they not used to deaden the eye?

SENATOR CLARK: Yes.

SENATOR STONEY: And they do that so an individual would be able to obtain an objective opinion rather than subjective?

SENATOR CLARK: Let me explain it to you this way. Like I say, I'm not an optometrist either, Senator Stoney. For instance, in older people when they use a tonometer on the eye, which measures the pressure in the eye, they have a lot of pain with older people, with the younger people and with people who cannot follow instructions, such as people who do not speak English. Therefore, they use a drop of anesthetic in the eye to use the tonometer, and there is no pain, there is no consternation with the people coming up at all. That's all it's used for...just so they do not have pain while they're using the tonometer.

SENATOR STONEY: Thank you, Senator Clark. Now could you explain what they use cycloplegics for...what that application of that particular...

SENATOR CLARK: Well, cyclopegia is a mydriatic in the eye, and what it's used for directly, I don't know how they use it. I know that a cyclopegic would in six hundredths of one percent of the time produce narrow angular glaucoma, they tell me.