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SENATOR CLARK: I don't know why anyone's hung up on this because the Medical Association wanted it this way.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, the reason I'm hung up on it because I was told that all these drugs were used for diagnostic treatments only, and then you stand up on the floor and say this is used for...no, I was told they were used for diagnostic purposes only and then you stand up and say that this is used for treatment for emergency, but still used for treatment... correct?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Clark, do you yield?

SENATOR CLARK: I yield. I don't know what else to say on it. I mean...it's confusing because people are not medical people, they don't understand it. I understand that part of it. The thing is that I've just explained what it was used for, and this Adie's eye that they have is used for diagnostic purposes for mydriatics, or pilocarpine is used for that. It's also used if they have this narrow angular glaucoma in an emergency treatment if it's induced by a mydriatic. Now mydriatics are cyclogyl.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman, does that answer your question? Okay. Senator Simon, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR SIMON: I have a couple of questions, Senator Clark.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Clark.

SENATOR SIMON: Senator Clark said that the medical profession had reached a compromise with the optometrists. By medical profession, are you talking about the optometrists?

SENATOR CLARK: I'm talking about the Medical Association with Ken Neff and former Senator Rasmussen, with the optometrists... they got together over the weekend and if they would accept these amendments then they would have no further objection to the bill.

SENATOR SIMON: Okay, so...I'm trying to understand then, it's both the optometrists and then the regular M.D.'s as we know them in lay terms?

SENATOR CLARK: Yes.

SENATOR SIMON: Okay. Can you tell me, please, with the amendments, by having the Board of Examiners in Optometry, can you explain the difference between how this amendment would affect