

is amendment number one. The second amendment, or the other part of the amendment deals with that question of oral pharmaceuticals and the treatment of glaucoma and there the committee amendments make some very dramatic changes and change the level at which the ophthalmologist oversees the optometrist from one of consultation and collaboration to one of supervision, a much higher standard at which the ophthalmologist must oversee the operations of the optometrist. In addition, the committee amendments have the Board of Examiners of Medicines and Surgery overseeing the arrangements that are made between optometrists and ophthalmologists and there is a provision for that in the committee amendments that some arrangement has to be established between an optometrist and an ophthalmologist and that arrangement is reviewed by the Board of Medical Examiners. And that is, essentially, what the committee amendments do. They allow for the ability of optometrists to use oral pharmaceuticals, they allow the optometrists to treat glaucoma but with very, very tight oversight by ophthalmologists, and I know there is amendments to that, so I'll stop at that point with the committee amendments and then be glad to discuss them in light of the amendments to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Mr. Clerk, do you have amendments on the desk?

CLERK: I do, Madam President. Senator Moore, you had an amendment, Senator, printed on page 1653 I understand you want to withdraw. Senator Wesely, you had an amendment printed on 1676, I understand you want to withdraw that one as well, Senator. Madam President, Senators Moore and Wesely would move to amend the committee amendments. The amendment is found on page 1699 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Madam President, members, in an attempt to compromise the bill, we have compromised...we don't want to compromise anybody's position or feelings or anything, but we're trying to work out the issue. Maybe that's the way to describe it, an attempt to work out this issue. We had assigned Senator Schellpeper from the committee to work with the optometrists and the ophthalmologists to find some common ground on the issue. We found that some...I must say we never did find that common ground, but we did at least reach some level of