

bill that refers to anti-effective, and obviously we don't want to be anti-effective with a drug. We want it to be effective so we want it to be anti-infective and anesthetic is changed to analgesic and so that's some technical changes like that are made in the amendments. There are other facets of the amendment that I think are not particularly significant. I think the main question is a struggle over authority in how we oversee this arrangement. I can tell you that the ophthalmologists are not happy with the prospect of this amendment. They want to have the Board of Medicine continue to oversee this area and so they are not in support of this amendment. I think the optometrists are in support of the amendment, but what I've tried to do is reach a compromise that is reasonable to both sides. I don't think anybody is real happy with the situation and that probably means it's a pretty good compromise. I think there is room for further adjustment in the bill. There are elements still to be discussed and examined. I'm willing to do that with both sides. I have not come down hard on either side. I've tried to work with both sides on this issue and I think there is obviously more work that needs to be done but in my estimation the best attempt to really compromise between the two sides is this amendment and the committee amendments. They are reasonable. I think they will deal with a lot of the concerns and I'd be happy to answer questions about it, but my sense is to try and balance out the two interests. This amendment to the committee amendments does the best job of accomplishing that, and I don't know if I have much time left, but I give whatever time left to the co-sponsor of the amendment, Senator Moore. All right, whatever.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Are there senators who wish to speak to the amendment to the committee amendments? Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise in strong opposition to this amendment. I was the one that helped work out the amendment that we had on the original bill. We met with both sides. We met with the ophthalmologists, we met with the optometrists. We couldn't really come to any middle ground and finally we found this amendment, which we called the committee amendments, that seemed to let the optometrists do everything that they want to do. They can do everything that they want to do. That's the only thing, they are under the auspices or the control of the department or the medicine, the Department of Medicine, the Board of Medicine I