

should say. And it only makes sense because when you're into treating medicine, which glaucoma is, you're into medicine, that you should be under the Board of Medicine. You know, everything else they have no problem. They work with the ophthalmologists. They have a very good working relationship. Dr. Wright said the same thing. When you're into medicine, which you are with this which they do not do right now, you need to be under the Board of Medicine. The committee amendments, we thought we had an agreement and that's why the bill came out. Both sides said, well, we don't like it, but it's better than what we have right now, so we put the bill out that way and that's why we have the bill here this morning. But nothing else has been worked out. We're still trying to figure out some way that we can have the optometrists treat glaucoma, which they can with the committee amendments, and all they have to do is be in collaboration with the optometrists. They don't have to be there on their own site. They can talk to them on the phone, but it doesn't make sense to have somebody that is not trained in actual medicine to be practicing medicine unless you're under the Board of Medicine and that is why I am opposed to this amendment. Now I have an amendment to the committee amendments that will clarify a little bit more what the committee amendments do. It will explain exactly what we're trying to do. It will let the optometrists do what they want to do and the only time they're under the Board of Medicine is when they want to treat glaucoma or to remove foreign bodies. And with that, I am very much opposed to this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. I'll now recognize senators in the following order if they wish to speak to the amendment to the amendments: Senator Robinson, Moore, Kristensen, Baack, Dierks, Rasmussen, Wesely, Crosby and Morrissey. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Senator Wesely, for a question. Madam President, members of the body, excuse me, I've been told that when we make changes in any type, any one of the professions in medicine, there is a group that looks at the proposed change, and then it goes to the committee. Could you elaborate on that for me, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Senator Robinson. There is what is termed as a 407 Review Committee that was established back about, I think it was 1985. They have reviewed this particular issue. They review all scope of practice issues involving health