

optometrists do that and do that, there will be more eyes falling out here than marbles played on the kindergarten floor. Eyes are going to fall out, people are going to die, they're going to have heart attacks, every horror story in the book. Well, you know, who are we to believe? The committee tried to come up with an amendment saying that, you know, 11 states do this, there are not bug-eyed people in those states. It probably can work. So the committee came up with an amendment that said, originally said, yes, optometrists, you can do that, but you're going to be under the Board of Health, if you're going to do it. And that is where the line in the sand is drawn on both sides. And can we compromise on that? I don't know. Senator Wesely has tried to do that. He's saying, okay, it's probably wrong for an optometrist to be under the M.D.'s board on the work they do. I tend to agree with that. And it's kind of like this, when they first started playing indoor baseball, you know it was kind of like what the ophthalmologists want you to do, the sport that's played indoors is basketball. Basketball referees are the ones that know how to play basketball indoors. So when you start playing baseball indoors, you better have basketball referees refereeing what's going on. Does that make any sense? No. You play the game indoors, and you have football or baseball umpires or referees doing the job they're supposed to do. And that's why you have the Board of Optometry overseeing what's going on. Ophthalmologists don't like that, they don't like it a bit. So what Senator Wesely proposed is, I think, very fair. It's a point, you know, if you just have the optometrists governing themselves, who says...whose to say that they're not going to apply some tape head cleaner in somebody's eyes out there, they're going to screw something up.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: And so what the compromise was, you're right, there's a little bit of risk in just giving the optometrists carte blanche. The movement, on the optometrist's point of view in this Moore-Wesely amendment is that the ophthalmologist are going to supervise what's going on. And so you have tighter supervision on an individual basis by the ophthalmologist, what the optometrist does is rightfully under the Board of Optometry. That seems to make sense. That's the compromise. Senator Wesely didn't like my amendment. I agree with him. We tried to compromise here, neither side is happy. Who're you going to listen to? You can just blindly follow either side, or you can