

you have is that you've got an expanding group, like the optometrists. And the optometrists want to expand their scope of what they're doing. More access, they want to do more things. And so there is going to be this natural tendency to want to expand what they're doing, and expand their scope of practice a little bit. So do you want to take and put the board that's going to be in charge of interpreting these guidelines in this supervision. Well, they're going to be in the mode to want to expand, because they'll interpret the guidelines more liberally. They'll do more things. And so I guess that that's what scares me about the Moore-Wesely amendment at this point in time, that the people who are going to be expanding their scope of practice are going to be the ones in charge of those sorts of guidelines and those sorts of standards. That's the reason I'm a lot more comfortable with the Board of Medicine, who has the ability to treat glaucoma. You know the Board of Optometry, they don't even have the independent ability to treat glaucoma themselves, yet they're going to supervise the standards of the two that are going to go together. I don't think that works very well, Senator Robinson. And I guess that's what I think the amendment gets backwards. And so when you talk about your questions, I think your questions are right. You know, those are the ones to look at in those areas. And Senator Moore will stand and give us this, it's a turf war, throw up your hands, let's just work and cut out a deal and let the lobby do whatever they want to, and see whose got the most votes and go home. I don't know, I don't think that makes a whole lot of sense to me, I guess. And I'm probably more concerned about making sure we get good care. I mean I've got an optometrist at home who I'd trust a million miles. He's my neighbor, one of the nicest guys I know in town, competent, does great work.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: He's not the issue, and neither is your individual optometrist. There's a lot of... I don't even have an ophthalmologist in my district. I've never even been to an ophthalmologist. But I also haven't had glaucoma. I'm not old enough. But I'll tell you that isn't true either, young people get glaucoma. But the fact is I haven't had to have a treatment of that sort done. And this isn't an issue about are optometrists good guys, are they bad guys, that is not the issue. They are good guys, down the line. Are there optometrists that do things they shouldn't do? Sure, there are ophthalmologists that do things they shouldn't do. There are