

lawyers that do things they shouldn't do. There are senators that do things they shouldn't do. Not the issue, not the issue at all, not at all, certainly not us. With that, I would stand to oppose the Wesely-Moore amendment, and I would support Senator Schellpeper, who I think...and, Senator Schellpeper, if you have more time, I'd like to hear more about the process and the compromise, because I think you're the one who has sat down with both sides...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...and both groups. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Speaker Baack, followed by Senator Dierks.

SPEAKER BAACK: Madam President and colleagues, I rise in opposition to the Moore-Wesely amendment. Senator Moore said there's...that we don't understand the issue. I think he's wrong. Some of us do understand the issue very well. Some of us have been around people who've had glaucoma for a number of years and understand how complicated and how difficult that issue is. So I do understand that issue. And Senator Moore said, well, this is, you know, it's time for us to compromise. Compromise is fine when we're legislating, but one of the things that I won't compromise, and that's the health of my constituency. I know that this is supposed to be...we're supposed to have better access to this care after this. I'm like Senator Kristensen, I do not have one ophthalmologist in my whole district. I do go to an ophthalmologist for my treatment, but I have not...but I don't have any in my district. And this is supposed to provide better access. But if better access means that we're going to lower the level of care that these people got, that these people are going to get, I am not going to be in favor of that. Just because we happen to be in an area of the state that is a little less accessible, that doesn't mean we should have lower standards for our health care. I will never be convinced, I have seen all of the documents that the optometrists put out, I've seen all of their education statistics that they put out, I will never be convinced that they have the education and the ability to diagnose some forms of glaucoma, I'll never be convinced of that. I don't think that they do have that capacity. And I think that allowing them this opportunity, some of these medicines and stuff that they use for the treatment of glaucoma, they don't talk about those