

Personally, I think that the 407 process, if you follow that particular piece of legislation and allow it to work like it should, this piece of legislation would pass with the Moore-Wesely amendment. The Moore-Wesely amendment was actually one of those worked out, I think, yesterday, after...I don't know if you noticed it, but there was an amendment up by Senator Wesely and one up by Senator Moore that dealt with the issue. They both withdrew those amendments and came with this amendment that was a combination, and actually, I think, pretty well signed off on by both sides of the issue yesterday, but then this morning things have changed again and we've fallen apart on it. And like I say, it's difficult for us to have to do these things. We aren't, most of us, that knowledgeable about the issue. And it makes it difficult. I'm sorry that it has become a lobbyist issue. But I think that in all reality Senator Wesely and Senator Moore have worked hard with this piece of legislation, it's Senator Moore's priority bill. And Senator Wesely, being chairman of the committee, has done an excellent job of trying to bring this thing together. And I would urge that you support this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Recognize Senator Rasmussen, followed by Senators Wesely and Crosby. Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Madam President, I would like to ask a question of Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely, judging from the comments made by other senators, I'm assuming other people are seeing it the same way I am. But I want to clarify it with you. The amendment, the Moore-Wesely amendment now puts the relationship between ophthalmologists and the optometrists under the supervision of the Optometry Board, is that correct?

SENATOR WESELY: No, no.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: What does it do then? Who is...who is that relationship being supervised by or monitored by?

SENATOR WESELY: The optometrists are supervised by the Optometry Board, the ophthalmologist are supervised by the Board of Medicine and Surgery. The independent boards would review, independently, the operation.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: So you would have two boards supervising that relationship, is that correct?