

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, essentially.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: So you wouldn't have one doing it over the other.

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Well, I guess I'm going to have to rise in opposition to this amendment, because it seems to me that the practice of treatment of glaucoma and the oral drug treatment has been a medical practice, and has been under the Board of Ophthalmology. And it seems to me that what we're trying to deal with here is whether or not the examiners are looking at just monitoring practitioners, or if we're also monitoring practice, and it seems to me they have done both. And that since the practice has been under that board, that it ought to remain under that board in terms of supervision. This does not mean that I oppose the expansion of practice by optometrists. In fact, all those that have spoken to me probably represent the brightest and the best, and some of them are friends, and I have utmost confidence in their ability to make good judgments about what they can treat and can't treat in the best interests of the people that they're working with. But it seems to me that the real focus ought to be whether or not education is commensurate with the practice. And I prefer that we were focusing more on that. But the reason we're focusing on this relationship of collaboration and communication is because that's the way it came out of the 407 technical review. Senator Moore mentioned that it passed...the original bill passed the 407 review proc...the original bill did not pass the 407 technical evaluation. The original bill was voted down. What was passed out of that committee was the amended version. And the amended version had this phrase, in collaboration and communication with, and that's what we're trying to struggle with here. And I think what Senator Schellpeper came up with is a little bit more stringent than what I wanted to see happen, but it at least attempted to clarify what that collaborating and communication relationship would be. So I would oppose the Moore-Wesely amendment and hope that you would support the Schellpeper amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. I'll now recognize Senator Wesely, followed by Senators Crosby, Morrissey, Wehrbein, and Bernard-Stevens. Senator Wesely.