

SENATOR WESELY: ...support for the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Crosby, followed by Senators Morrissey and Wehrbein. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I just have a quick question, I think maybe Senator Schellpeper could help me on this. I came from a town that had a family, and it's still there, who were pioneers in ophthalmology, and so I grew up with the ophthalmologist. And we did have optometrists, but at that time optometrists didn't do anything that I remember, except measure for your lens, measure the lens. And they could prescribe the lens and so on. But as far... I think one distinction we haven't made here today is that an ophthalmologist can also be a surgeon. As far as I know, optometrists are never surgeons. And there is a difference in what you have done to your eye. But I have a quick question for Senator Schellpeper, and then I'll...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...let Senator Robinson have the rest of my time.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR CROSBY: If someone had like, and we talk about foreign bodies, but for instance if we have a piece of glass in someone's eye, an optometrist would have a difficulty coping with something like that, do you think?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: That's right.

SENATOR CROSBY: You want to have an ophthalmologist whose a surgeon...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: That's right.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...to be able to cope.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: That's right.

SENATOR CROSBY: In the rural areas, we feel like we have emergency vehicles, so on, to get to another town where there