

reason, it would be inappropriate to allow Senator Schellpeper to call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: I did recognize Senator Schellpeper on his own time. Senator Bernard-Stevens. The question is, shall debate cease? We have sufficient seconds. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have ceased debate. I'll recognize Senator Moore, and Senator Wesely for closing.

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Wesely, to begin with.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I'll be real brief. I...the attempt here is to try and work out, as best as I can, what I think is fair to both sides. Obviously, the ophthalmologists are not happy with the amendment and have expressed that. The optometrists aren't all that crazy about it either. But really it is a sincere attempt to try and balance out the different interests. The committee amendments similarly try to do that. The only substantive change that this amendment would make to the committee amendments is the question of who would oversee and approve the agreements between the optometrists and the ophthalmologists in the area of glaucoma treatment. The committee amendments say that that agreement should be under the Board of Medicine. My amendment with Senator Moore says that should be under the Board of Optometry. That's really the heart of the issue, which of the boards primarily oversees that agreement and approves them. It's a fundamental issue. The other parts of the amendment are technical and clarifying of the committee amendments, I don't think anybody has a problem with the rest of the amendments. And the rest of the committee amendments are left intact, which narrow, again, a number of areas the optometrists would like to have opened up. So we don't change substantively very much in the committee amendments, but the one area we do is the question of those agreements and under whose jurisdiction they are approved and overseen. And I think that if you go with the Board of Medicine, it's unlikely to be very many approved, and if you go to the Board of Optometry, it's likely that they'll be much more likely to be approved. And the question is, if you