

have a joint overseeing board, or something before we move...or before the vote on Select. But I think right now we have a bill that lets the optometrists do what they want to do, so its the only thing that is under the supervision of the Board of Medicine. So I think I would just move for the committee amendments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Are there any other senators who wish to speak to the committee amendments? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: Madam President, members, I want to again emphasize to you that this is a very dramatic committee amendment. The original bill would have allowed the optometrists to have quite broad authority in terms of treatment of glaucoma and use of oral pharmaceuticals under the consul...well, very broad authority. This committee amendment tightens it up dramatically, puts it under an agreement that is approved by the Board of Medicine, requires supervision by an ophthalmologist. It really tightens up the bill remarkably. As I said before, there...I think the committee adopted it with the idea of trying to reach a compromise on the measure. There are still some concerns out there about who oversees these arrangements. I still believe that there needs to be some further discussion about that point. There is also some technical changes. Senator Schellpeper cleaned up a few of those. There are some others that we need to look at as well, but I see us adopting the committee amendment, advancing the bill and working further to clarify some things on the measure, but we need to have this committee amendment, I think. I'd move for the adoption of the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. We will now vote on the motion to adopt the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The committee amendments are adopted. Is there any further discussion on the bill itself? Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: I simply move to advance the bill.