professional. And they didn't necessarily become ophthalmologists (sic) because it was easier, possibly indicating that they're lazy or maybe less intelligent than the ophthalmologists, that's not the case. Maybe you could look at it that they are more dedicated, more willing to live in the country, to live in Tecumseh and service the people out there, that they don't have to live in a big city, draw the big bucks, come sliding into town when you have a backlog of work so they can just come in for a few hours and just whip through the services, make their big dollars and leave. I think the references to assistants and to...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...the inferences that these folks are possibly less intelligent, I find that offensive, myself. I know these people. They're dedicated. They're in the community and they want to be governed by the Board of Ophthalmologists and I think that makes perfect sense. And I could argue the other direction that Senator Schellpeper and Senator Robinson argue. I can turn it around and argue that direction too. Would a vet want to be governed by someone else? Would a high school teacher want to be governed by a college professor? Because, obviously, the college professor is smarter than the high school teacher, right? Knows more about what that high school student's...teacher's students are doing, lives with the students every day, the high school teacher, but doesn't know enough, doesn't see them often enough to know what they're doing, they need someone from out of town to come in and tell you what's really happening, what's really going on on the medicine front and the health care front in rural Nebraska. I oppose Senator Stevens' amendment, support Senator Moore.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Madam Chair, I think, unfortunately, we're digressing into a good guy-bad guy thing here that I don't think is at all the case, and that bothers me tremendously. I think, as Senator Schellpeper has pointed out, we have two groups of professionals that do a tremendous amount of service for the people of the State of Nebraska and we can argue till the sun comes up what scope both of those practices should have. What we're addressing at the moment, however, is Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment to strike Section 5 and Section 6 of the Moore amendment and I know what Senator Bernard-Stevens is