

Pennsylvania School of Optometry. The State of Pennsylvania doesn't even have this kind of legislation. There are some deep, sincere questions on my part relative to some of the things in the Moore amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BYARS: But right now I would urge you to defeat the Bernard-Stevens amendment, not because of his lack of good faith, I admire it, but because it's just not going to work if you do adopt the Moore amendment. And I'm still debating with myself whether I'm going to ask to bracket this bill and maybe someone will do it for me. Thank you.

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

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Madam President and members, I would like to thank Senator Byars for returning some reasonable conversation to this measure. I think he raised some concerns that we can probably deal with. Unfortunately, as often happens in these battles, you get two sides so polarized neither one of them ever come out and talk. Senator Byars, maybe he has some concerns that can be dealt with and I would like to do that. Now as far as the Bernard-Stevens amendment, you know, he is correct when he says a focal point of disagreement is under whose jurisdiction would the optometrists be under. He's correct in that. Unfortunately, and Bernard-Stevens admitted this, his amendment goes further than that and does more than that. It takes out all the language in regard to corroboration and does much more than that. So, I mean, it's one of those things that if you adopt the Bernard-Stevens amendment, you...I mean, you do more than just deal with your core question we're dealing with, you create a lot of other problems as well. So, for procedural reasons alone, even if you have a problem with the jurisdictional question, if you adopt the Bernard-Stevens amendment, you go much further than that. So you need to be aware of that and, obviously, I don't think you should adopt the amendment. I think we should adopt the Moore amendment. If that's causing you problems, we can work on that. But I think, you know, in the handwritten amendment Bernard-Stevens tried to bring forward, he does much more than he wants to and I think he understands that. Now, secondly, it's one of those things, obviously, we talk...when we talk about these issues sides get very emotional and I would argue a little unreasonable on some other arguments. You know, Senator Robinson talks about, well,