

PRESIDENT MOUL: Sufficient seconds? I do. We'll now vote on the motion to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion to cease debate? Have you all voted on the motion to cease debate? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Debate has ceased. I'll now recognize Senator Moore for closing.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Madam President and members, we're now to the point of voting up or down on the amendment as is and I remind people that it basically does three things. One is that it places some educational requirements back into the bill that were stripped with the committee amendments because as the committee amendments put so much under the ophthalmologists, it was, in their opinion, no need for education. I guess we disagree. I think, one, it puts more education back in the bill, 44 hours, look at Section 4, subsection (3), it lists out specifically all those educational requirements. So I remind the body those educational hours are only after a completion of seven to eight years of postsecondary education, now three to four years and a baccalaureate degree, four years as a school of optometry, it's only after that, so that's additional educational requirements. Secondly, the jurisdictional battle that we've defined and talked about greatly here, it places the optometrists under the Board of Optometry where with probably just one exception all the health care professionals are under their own board. And, as Senator Wesely had stated quite accurately, the attempt to try and find some middle ground with the PAs and the docs, we...I think Senator Wesely's words here showed that didn't work. Thirdly, the additional requirement (inaudible), it's a preceptorship with a consenting ophthalmologist and it would require that an optometrist work with them, not just 40 hours in an office, 40 hours treating glaucoma. There's been some questions on the floor about they can just sit there for 40 hours and get it done. It states out in the bill 40 hours treating glaucoma. Three things, additional educational requirements, rightful jurisdiction of the Board of Optometry, and the preceptorship, 40 hours, and so...in treating glaucoma. So you've got, after all these things with education, you've got actually an additional