

reason for bringing the motion to bracket at this time. I think we need...I think we need more analysis and study. Both of these amendments came to all of us this morning. We haven't had an opportunity to study them to the extent that I think is necessary to deal with an issue of this magnitude, and I, personally, would like to have that time. I don't want to come down on the side of either of these two very respected professional groups. I want something that is going to be good for the citizenry of my district and the State of Nebraska, therefore, I would urge your support of my bracket motion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Landis, do you wish to speak to the bracket motion?

SENATOR LANDIS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I normally, of course, endorse the notion of negotiation. One of the things I want to point out here is the areas where we are not disagreeing, because they are so substantial, they are so substantial that we should remember that. None of us in here are saying that we should not have optometrists helping us attack the problems of glaucoma. Everybody in here is basically saying we want to add to the people who are out there attacking this problem qualified optometrists, in addition to ophthalmologists. That's not the argument on the floor. In other words, we agree optometrists should be able to treat glaucoma, generally. Secondly, I think we agree in which we are saying we want them to work together, whether it's the optometry board, or whether it's the medicine board, we might disagree on that, but we are saying we want a relationship. Some people call it collaboration, some people call it supervision, but what we're saying is we want optometrists and ophthalmologists to work together and have both of them out there trying to solve glaucoma. Third, I think everybody in here is saying we want high standards to govern the performance of this task. Past that, we are now into the areas in which the professions themselves have trapped us into fighting with each other, because the real needs of the public have already been met in that list, haven't they? You want as many people out there who are qualified to do the job, attacking medical problems, and that means including into the number optometrists. Secondly, you want people who are professionals to work collaboratively together to solve those problems. And, third, you want to have high standards to attack them. As far as the public interests are concerned, we've met a great many of them. We are now down to fighting between two professions, between their senses of