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essence changes the text of the bill. All the agreements are yet to be worked out. We are suggesting the bill be advanced with the committee amendments. Now the committee amendments do the following things. First, it titles the act. Second, it provides definitions for terms of "Board, contact lenses, the Department, direct supervision, ophthalmic dispensing, prescription, not only for contact lenses, but prescription for spectacle lenses and spectacle lens dispensing". The amendment removes the grandfather clause from the original bill. It provides for temporary licenses for spectacle lens dispensing. It provides standards for the Board to considering in administering the test. It limits the number of apprentices who may be employed by any licensed optician and it requires that contact lenses may be dispensed only with a written prescription. The amendment actually addresses a major portion of the bill and I would move the adoption of the committee amendments at this time.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, and, Senator Fenger, again on your bill, I have been reading it as fast as I could because I saw it coming up there...some things I am trying to understand. Now reading the committee statement, it mentions certain categories of people who will not have to take a written examination should this bill come into place and on page 2 it says if a person has been engaged in ophthalmic dispensing for more than five years prior to the enactment of this bill, would that provide for a waiver, the five years experience?

SENATOR FENGER: That is in the amendment, sir?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think so. Okay, that was in the main bill. Maybe that is one of the things that is being taken out, is that correct?

SENATOR FENGER: It is, Senator, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, Senator Pirsch helped me with that.