

we should specify the drugs specifically, the standard of the drug, the strength of the drug, and the amount of training that's necessary for them to be utilized, because I think that all of us recognize the dangers that can accrue to the eye, to our vision, if they are not used by people who are properly trained, and I think that the optometrists that I know certainly are interested in proper utilization and safe utilization. I would like to suggest that maybe we might be a little more specific, Senator Clark, as we go along with the bill, and so with your permission, I'll visit with you a bit later on that and perhaps we can resolve my fears.

SENATOR CLARK: I'd like to say it this way, Senator Schmit, you can't specifically put in the statute specific drugs, or specific training, what you do is put it into the Board of Optometry, Podiatry, whatever you're in in the Board. They in turn approve a course to the Board of Health. If you would put something specific in your statutes then you'd have to change the statute at any time any training change or any time any drugs changed, or any time any new drugs come on the market. They would not be able to use them. No way could they use them unless you change the statute. That's the reason you don't do it.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Very well, but then in the instance of using the Board of Optometry to make those recommendations, the Board of Optometry at the present time are not qualified to make those recommendations.

SENATOR CLARK: Well, I wouldn't say that...no. Not at all.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, I would. I disagree with you, but perhaps you can reassure me.

SENATOR CLARK: Why aren't they qualified?

SENATOR SCHMIT: They're not trained in them...(interruption).

SPEAKER MARVEL: I'm sorry...please pose the questions rather than argue back and forth. Senator Schmit, you have the...

SENATOR SCHMIT: Very well, Mr. President. I think that I disagree with Senator Clark in the...I know that Senator Clark being a pharmacist has a much better knowledge of these drugs than I do, but I think that we do have an obligation to be certain that the drugs that we certify or that we allow to be used in diagnostic purposes are first used only for diagnosis. Secondly, they are definitely not dangerous. Third, that they not be used in the treatment of the eye. I will attempt to draw up some amendments and perhaps after visiting with some of