

the doctors wanted it in there for that reason. I'm not talking about the optometrists, I'm talking about the medical association...they wanted it in there with emergency use only. I didn't like to use the word emergency use, for the same reason that the whole three or four people in here are saying well it's treatment and not diagnostic purposes. But the doctors wanted it in there for emergency use only knowing that they had to have it. They had to use it anyway. So they specifically said "for emergency use only".

SENATOR KELLY: Thank you very much.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is on the adoption of the Clark amendments to LB 9. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 1 nay on the adoption of the Clark amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, motion carried and the amendments are adopted. Do you have an amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Dworak moves to amend in the committee amendment strike the word "miotics" and in the Clark amendment strike "miotics for emergency purposes only". That's offered by Senator Don Dworak.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Well, Mr. President and colleagues, I've heard enough discussion on miotics to know that, number one, it's extremely rare. Number two, it's used probably for treatment more than diagnosis. Because of the rarity of its use in these acute serious situations, I'm not so sure an optometrist is qualified or capable to administer miotics, and when that kind of a situation occurs, I think the referral ought to be made to an ophthalmologist or somebody more trained in the treatment in emergency type situations. So I...I urge the adoption of this amendment, striking the word "miotic". Of course, we have to strike the qualifying language that Senator Clark just put on the amendment to be used only in case of danger. I think the fact that we're talking about a dangerous situation here is enough of a flag to this body to make sure that the intent of this bill to allow optometrists to use drops for diagnostic purposes only is fulfilled by this legislation. I understand there has been some kind of a compromise or a deal worked out over the weekend and that part of that deal is that no amendments be offered on General File. Well, I want to state right now, I'm not a party of that deal. I don't believe legislation should be passed that way. I believe