

those who will be able to use topographi...topo...I can't even say it, pharmaceuticals in the eye of human beings, and we should not here in a vote on the floor of this Legislature upset the practice of medicine or the practice of optometry by being omnipotent in determining the use or the not use of miotics. This should be stricken from this bill, and should the Department of Health, or the optometry board or the medical board, or the certification for optometrists to use these drugs, say that it is needed in order to...it's true, we do meet every year...we can handle it at a later date, but I see no reason to handle it now unless we can certify that at least 25 members of this Legislature know what miotic is. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to be recognized on the Dworak amendment?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, Mr. President. You know when your're using all these complicated medical terms, and what they do, and what they don't do, it kind of frightens me, so I tried to get it in simpler terms that I could kind of understand, and Senator Haberman raised a good question, well, you know, you say you want to diagnose, but here's this treatment thing... what's going on? And yet we know that Senator Clark working with both sides and medical doctors, for some reason or other the MD's and the optometrists chose to leave this particular drug in and specify under emergency conditions. So, let me kind of explain it the way I understand it, and Senator Clark, if this is wrong you can sure latch on to me and tell me. But let's imagine we walk up to the doctor's office...not the eye doctor, just a plain old MD to get a...check the old ticker, and he puts you on the...what do you call that thing that you run on and they test your heart, the electrocardiogram, and you're running along there, and about six weeks ago I went through one of these for a physical. A nurse was standing there and the intern who wasn't going to do any treating, he was just going to run the test to see what was wrong, or if anything was wrong, and I says, gee, I'm kind of wearing out, what happens if I have a heart attack? And he says, well, we're prepared to take care of that if that occurs. We're just testing to see if there's a problem. But if you did happen to have a heart attack here we'd stick something in your heart, or do something and try to get you living again. Now, imagine you're in a doctor's office, only this time we're in the optometrist's office, and he's...we come in and we say it hurts and so on and so forth...he's examining, and this glaucoma type of emergency occurs, and then if he says, well, I'm guess I'm done, you go blind from this point on, fella, because I can't give you this emergency treatment,