

because the Legislature said I'm not smart enough to give this emergency to save your sight until I can get you to an ophthalmologist. So what we're talking about then is an emergency condition, which occurs rarely. If he says .06 whatever of one percent, we're talking about a specialized condition. Maybe the guy comes in off the street with tremendous pain, and we have to get him 30 or 50, or 200 miles to that ophthalmologist that can treat him, but holy mackerel, let's not dedicate him to blindness before we get him there. Emergency...that's the condition. Now all the conversation about who's supervising whom, and whether it should be under medical examiners and whether these guys are really going to be trained go under the state Department of Health. Okay, that's Dr. Smith. He's a doctor...MD. Now who's over him? The State Board of Health. Whole bunch of MD's. They prescribe the standards. They're going to tell you how much education you need and so on and so forth. Do you really think these optometrists are going to run out of here today, grab hold of chemicals and start dishing them in the eyes? Not really...they're going to be pretty well supervised. So I think if we start as legislators at this point pampering heavily and making our own analysis of what mydriatics and whodiatics and everything else, and making our judgments as to who should or shouldn't treatment, we're going to get in pretty serious shape, and maybe cause something we don't want. As I say, Senator Clark apparently has found that the MD's, the optometrists, the Board of Health, the examiners...they all say yes, these are the things we can live with, these are the way it should be. If we tamper with it too much more, we may create something we don't know about. So I would urge you to stick with what he has and kind of go that way.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Clark, do you wish to speak to the Dworak amendment?

SENATOR CLARK: I wouldn't know what else to say on the entire proposition. The MD's who said this, the optometrists who said it, and now it comes down to Senator Dworak who wants to do something different than what they want to do. I think you ought to vote on it the way you want to vote on it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman, do you want to speak to the Dworak amendment?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes, Mr. President. I don't know who to direct this question to, but Senator Clark said that they would be...the optometrists would be sued for malpractice if they didn't use it. I want to know, are they using it now?