

not allowed and I was upset and angry. The bill was quickly moved to Select File. This bill has too much important matter in it for us to so quickly dispose of it, to move it across that Board in such a hurried fashion, particularly when there are a number of new people in here who have not had the opportunity to understand it totally. I just had a Page hand out to you a definition of eye drugs and I would hope that you would look at this very carefully. It comes from the Nebraska Academy in Ophthalmology and those are definitions. Particularly, I am concerned with the drug, what they refer to as the miotic. Now that may sound as though it is used in a very simple case of trying to dilate a pupil, but by the same token, there are those who advise you it also has inherent dangers. I am also concerned in this bill, I think like Senator Dworak is and others, we say they can use these drugs in emergency measures. Now define for me what we mean "an emergency measure". That is like the Platte River. It is a mile wide, an inch deep. So this means virtually that we are going to provide to the optometrist the wholesale use of drugs in broad definition and then hope that we do not have a repercussion. Sure, I have heard Senator Clark say .06% of the time this may happen, but if you are one of those people that this happens to, I am certain you are not going to be very happy with the outcome. I have also read the editorials in the McCook Gazette and I have seen their editorials before and the Beatrice Sun and I have read those before and they can not justify this bill simply because it comes out of the committee five to one. I have seen many bills come out of committees zero plus eight, I mean eight people on a committee voting for it. That doesn't mean this body should so hastily pass over a bill simply because it appears to have the backing of the committee. I am here to submit to you that those twenty-two states who presently have this law also are a little more definitive in terms of how to define the use. I suspect that I might support this bill if we were to strike the drug "miotic" and strike the emergency issue in there. It may make it somewhat more palatable, but for us to allow this to go across without giving serious consideration, I think is somewhat irresponsible on our part. I have to admit that the optometrists have done an excellent job from last year to this time to rally the forces to cause so many people to change positions which leads me to believe that last year some people in here had really not thought through the bill but suddenly now have become very wise and also intellectual in terms of medicine and its utilization and those who administer it. I would prefer to have this bill killed because I think the optometrists are trained in a fashion certainly to primarily look at the eye, dilate