

which was very limited and the debate in the hearing, there have been a couple of misstatements which have been made, whether intentional or unintentional. I am not going to say that they intentionally have been made but they have been made. One of those took place last week when this bill sailed past on General File, and that misstatement was that the ophthalmologists had agreed to the compromise that was made and I asked Senator Clark at that point very carefully whether or not the ophthalmologists had agreed to that because Senator Clark had used the word "medical profession" and I tried to pin him down on that. Now at that time, things were hurried and I did not have the chance to check out those statements that were made. However, afterwards I did check out, Senator Clark, and my understanding is that the ophthalmologists do not agree to the compromise at all. I think that many of the people here looking at the vote last year, while maybe some of the people have changed their minds, many of the people here accepted those comments at face value. I myself could not believe, having been on the Public Health and Welfare Committee, that the ophthalmologists who had been so vehement in opposition could suddenly say, well, the bill isn't so bad. We can support it. I voted against the bill and I still vote against the bill. The ophthalmologists do not support this piece of legislation. There has not been a compromise worked out. I think the best thing is to kill the bill. Another misstatement which was made is the fact that this bill would never cause any problems. I asked an optometrist at the hearing, I said, with the solutions called for in the bill, what would happen if a person had an adverse reaction? What would you do? His response was, well, I would dial 911. I would dial 911. So I then asked an ophthalmologist who came up, Dr. Appleton, I said, have you ever had cases where there has been an adverse reaction where a person has gone into a cardiopulmonary arrest or something of this nature using the types of solutions in the bill, and he said, yes. I said, how many times? He said, maybe twenty-five in the time that he has been practicing medicine. And I asked that question of several other people and they responded it happened before too. So don't be confused that it has never happened because it has. I said, then could you explain for me the scenario about an individual where they had gone into some sort of shock. He said that a case came where he was upstairs, two optometrists put solution into a patient's eye, the patient turned blue. The patient turned blue. We are talking about a time period of four minutes. They rushed the patient upstairs and fortunately the patient was revived. Total time that elapsed was about five minutes, five minutes. That