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SENATOR CLARK: He has to prove to them that he has taken a course and certified, yes. They certify him. Stamp right on the license he is certified.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And then what kind of a test will he take? Does the Board of Health draw the test? Is that the idea?

SENATOR CLARK: No, no, there is a five hour test that they take ahead of time on the bill that they have been certified to do. They have gone through the course, they have passed the course. I think there were about three of them that didn't pass the course when they went through it. Of course, they would not be certified but they would have to take the course over before they could be certified.

SENATOR SCHMIT: But it is very unusual for someone to be licensed to practice under a statute that hasn't been enacted yet. Will the Board of Health after the passage of this bill draw a new examination? That is what I want to know.

SENATOR CLARK: I really wouldn't think it would, to be honest with you.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Would you have any objection?

SENATOR CLARK: I would see no reason for it if they are satisfied that this course is approved by the Board of Optometry and the Board of Health and the bill says that this course that they take must be certified by them in the first place, approved by them. Also any schools that are taking this now have to be approved by them and they cannot approve schools unless they are certified schools by the Department of Education.

SENATOR SCHMIT: But would you have any objection if the Board of Health chose to draw a new examination that should be passed by the optometrist?

SENATOR CLARK: I am not going to interfere with them. Whatever they want to do is fine. This bill, Senator Schmit, does not qualify anyone to use any drugs, doesn't certify anyone to use any drugs. It merely puts it all in the hands of the Board of Optometry and the Board of Health. They have to satisfy themselves, not me.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think you are just being a little bit too simplified there, Senator Clark.