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happened. The people are getting better eye care today because of it and the ophthalmologists were the ones that were fighting the bill. Now the things that they purported at that time were not true, however, the ophthalmologists and the optometrists are both together on this knowing that they have to have this type of thing and someone is not fitting contact lenses. I think that in Hastings at the present time there is a doctor there, an ophthalmologist who says that he is going to allow a hearing specialist to put in contact lenses, if you can believe that. A hearing specialist. I don't know what in the world a man that is fitting hearing aids would have to do with contact lenses, but that is the type of things that are happening. Right now they can take a prescription and go across town someplace, get an oculist to fit these and he is not qualified to fit them. He is not a doctor. He merely manufactures the lens, and certainly I don't think you would want that. And I am just taking this for Senator Warner from the Performance and Review Committee to return this bill for this specific amendment. And I would certainly urge you to do that. I don't think you would want to wait a year or two years or any other time, and certainly I would think you would take the advice of the professional people doing the work. If you had contact lenses, I think you would want the best person in the world to fit them, let alone a licensed person, at least, to fit them. Oculists are not licensed people to fit contact lenses. That is what it is. So I would certainly urge you to return the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion shall be to return the bill for a specific amendment. The bill is LB 449. All those in favor of that motion...all in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Call of the House has been requested. Shall the House go under Call? All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to go under Call.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The House is under Call. All legislators please return to your seats, record your presence, and unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Senator Kilgarin, will you please record your presence? Senator Labeledz, Senator Pirsch. They are excused. Okay. While we are waiting for...in the south balcony as guests of Senator Haberman are Greg and Priscilla Harms and Scott, Pat, Cherrie, Sarah, all from Imperial. Would you please stand so we may recognize you? And from Norfolk, Sandy Effle

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