

reject their recommendation. Or if they say that the ophthalmologists position is correct and the optometrists position is wrong, again, Jim Ryan is going to be back there passing out notes explaining why it is wrong. And I, as a senator, will have to make that tough decision. The difference will be I will have some sort of technical expertise from an unbiased third party to rely upon. I'll have somebody that's looked at the training that optometrists get, that's looked at the training that dental assistants get, that's looked at the training that dental hygienists get and I will be able to plug that information in my process of making a decision.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR REMMERS: I think that this adds greatly to our process of viewing what I have viewed as the most frustrating types of issues that were confronted. It adds a technical recommendation to us as we go through this process. I, for one, do not plan on abdicating my responsibility to look at this technical study as thoroughly as possible and to ask meaningful questions of them and to cast my vote as I have the responsibility to do, but what it does, it adds a sifting process to hopefully expedite our consideration of these questions. For those reasons I do feel, I do agree with Senator Wesely. This may be one of the more important bills that we are facing this session and for that reason I ask you to adopt the committee amendments and to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. Next, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the body, I, too, rise to support LB 407 and hope that that's what you all decide in here as the approach to take. I don't think it's greased. I think that what we're seeing here is the fact that people are realizing that this is a concern that affects people. Those of us that are in the Public Health and Welfare Committee have sat and listened to hours and hours and hours of, as Senator Withem particularly was just telling you, refuting and providing evidence and someone saying, no, this is not the way it is. We're not professionals. We're dealing with human life. We have to make decisions ultimately. What we're going to be doing with this bill would be asking for some professional people to sit, to listen on the board that they will be putting