

February 25, 1986 LB 291, 438A

Move on to 438A.

CLERK: 438A was a bill introduced by Senator Withem. (Read title.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I move advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You have heard the motion. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the advancement of LB 438A. Need a little help on this please. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the A bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LB 438A advances. We will skip LB 243 and 243A. I understand we are working on that and we will most likely take it up tomorrow. LB 291.

CLERK: Mr. President, 291 was a bill introduced by Senator Chronister. (Read title.) It was read in January of last year, referred to Health and Human Services, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, this bill went through 407 as well. There was a little difference of opinion on the piece of legislation as introduced. It was dealing with opticians. You have to understand there are ophthalmologists, optometrists, and opticians. Opticians are the people when you go to Pearle Vision Center or wherever and you want to get glasses or contacts, they are the people that take the prescription from the optometrist, most likely, or maybe the ophthalmologist and then get your glasses made and fit you with glasses or contact lenses. So they are the actual dispenser of the eyewear. Anyway, this is a bill dealing with those people, the opticians. It doesn't deal with the optometrist, it doesn't deal with the ophthalmologist, particularly it doesn't get involved with any eyedrops, just so you know this is not the eyedrop bill but this bill does deal with the question of licensing these opticians. They are not now licensed. The technical committee did recommend they be licensed. The Director of