

small." And then he goes into detail about it. What he says eventually is that if we are going to need anything instead of licensure, again the highest level of regulation, you could maybe just certify opticians and certify them in regard to contact lenses. That is where we might have potential problem and certification would tell people that these people are able to do a good job in fitting contact lenses. I proposed something along that line to the committee and the committee felt they wanted to put out the bill with the full licensure. The opticians, the optometrists, and the ophthalmologist are all basically in agreement on this bill, so I understand that there is a lot of support for it. I am just saying having followed the 407 process, having a big concern about licensure, this is an example maybe of where we are proposing going farther than we have to with more regulation than is necessary, and as a result, I am going to oppose the bill. Again, there is a lot of agreement on the bill and so it is not with great fervor that I rise up in opposition but I have raised this question to you and suggest from what the Director of Health said there really is not a legitimate need for it and I would ask your consideration to vote against it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Hall, then Senator Chronister.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, I rise to support the bill, 291, especially since Senator Chronister's amendment was not adopted. I think that the 407 Review Committee was right in this case. I don't think that we need to give them a blanket approval every time that they come out nor do I think that we need to give Dr. Wright, whose argument in this case is a weak one, blanket approval. I think LB 291 as it sits without the Chronister amendment is a good bill and I think we should advance it at this time.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chronister, please.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Yes, Mr. President, and colleagues, in answer to my good friend Senator Wesely's objections, that is only part of this story. The rest of the story is that as Dr. Wright's only objection was the sufficient showing of public harm. This was explained to the Technical Review Committee, and after the Technical Review Committee looked this over, they passed it out and agreed upon it