

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment fails. Do we have anything further on the desk, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Senator Schellpeper would move to amend the committee amendments. (Schellpeper amendment appears on page 1676 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schellpeper. I will raise the call.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam President. This amendment is printed on page 1676 in the Journal and it's the same amendment that was proposed by Senator Wesely the other day, I think on Tuesday. And it really helps the committee amendments. There's been two criticisms of the committee amendments. First, some optometrists believe that the committee amendment requires the ophthalmologist, that he has to do a site visit on each case of care. This amendment states that the ophthalmologist must make periodic site visits, as required by the Board of Medicine. And second, it is argued that the committee amendment puts the optometrists under the Board of Examiners in Medicine for all purposes. And this amendment states that it's only under the bill for the new services, which are for glaucoma and for treating foreign bodies, that's the only time that it's under that board. They can operate just like they have been, unless they get into this new area. So it helps the committee amendments, it clarifies what they can do and how they shall have the working relationship with the ophthalmologist. I think it's an amendment that should have been part of the committee amendments to begin with. But it does help the committee amendments. With that, I would move the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Wesely, followed by Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, Madam President, members, this was an amendment that Senator Schellpeper and I had worked on previously. It was incorporated in the last amendment that failed. I would support the amendment, it does help the situation.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Just briefly, I think this is an