

things and, of course, the major issue is which board is it going to be under. Senator Schellpeper has an amendment that's on our desks that would be offered later that would be some type of a compromise version that would have, under the Board of Medicine there would be two optometrists, two ophthalmologists and I think the Director of Health and I don't know if anyone else is on there or not that would be part of this "special board". I think what this does is put the question before us in a fair and rational manner. The body can, with this amendment, say, listen, do we want them to be under the Board of Optometry or the Board of Medicine, period? This amendment would strike the part of the Moore amendment which, in essence, then would leave, if this amendment was agreed to, you would have the education portion that would still be included but the...if you agree with this amendment, then you would be saying that we want it under the Board of Medicine. If we disagree with this amendment, then we would be basically be saying we want it under the Board of Optometry. It makes the decision very clear and very easy. My guess is if we make the decision that we want it under the Board of Medicine, then the Schellpeper amendment would not be...would not be offered and then we would have a clear policy decision of what we want on voting of the bill. I think it's a cleaner way to do it and I think it gets it more up front and we might as well make a policy decision which way we want to go. If we decide not to approve my amendment to the amendment, then it would be...then I suspect the decision would be, do you want to have the Board of Optometry, which would be the Moore amendment which, obviously, you would say you do if you do not agree with my amendment. Senator Schellpeper then would offer his compromise amendment. That's, in my judgment, where we are. This makes a cleaner decision, I think, for the body. Again, to reiterate, if you agree with the amendment, it simply says that we want it to remain with the Board of Medicine, period. If you don't agree with the amendment, then it says we're going to go ahead with the Moore amendment which puts it back to the Board of Optometry. It's that simple.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Dierks, did you wish to address the Bernard-Stevens amendment?

SENATOR DIERKS: No.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rogers, on the Bernard-Stevens amendment?