

affordability of things but, at the same time, have qualified people that's driving these trucks.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, first, Senator Kristensen, I didn't try and imply three strikes and you're out, but I was trying to utilize the idea that we have three sets of recommendations and we can accept or reject any or all of them and it's just there to help us make a determination of what we should do. If all three said no, most likely we won't do it. If all three said yes, most likely we would do it. Here we have a case of two saying yes, one saying no. So those who like it say two out of three, that wins, and those who don't like it say, hey, but one out of three said no and he was pretty adamant, and so you can use the process either way for either side on this. I tend to think that the more independent review, in my view, the Technical Committee and the Board of Health said yes and that's enough for me to think that I'm going to go along with their recommendations. You can, if you want to, feel differently and say the Director of Health had a better case and take his position against this. So 407 gives us information, some background, and outside of that it's your call as to what you want to do. Now let me specifically get to the amendment because there are three elements that are being addressed by the committee amendment to allow for these oral drugs to be utilized by optometrists. Essentially, they're used for the one condition dealing with pain and there is a schedule there that's allowed to do that, to deal with pain, and that seems to be agreed to by the ophthalmologists. The two other elements that would be stricken by this amendment by Senator Kristensen would deal with the ability to treat infections and inflammation with oral medications. In my view, I feel comfortable that it is all right to have the optometrists be able to do that, but, you know, it's again your call as to how comfortable you feel. But those are the three elements, dealing with pain, dealing with infection, dealing with inflammation. The ophthalmologists are saying, okay to the pain but not to the infection and inflammation issue. And, again, from what I understand of the situation, I feel a comfort level that the optometrists can proceed in those additional two areas and not have adverse consequence. One of the things, having been involved with this for so long, is I've always heard about how the optometrists can't handle it, there will be problems and all of that, and