

the Legislature, the less excited you are to see it come back because you know, regardless of what we do on this issue next year, it will be back next year, it will be back the year after that, it will be back the year after that. When you have two well organized lobby groups that are going after a change in scope of practice, the issue is never settled. So, first of all, I guess if people are considering supporting the committee amendments and the Moore bill as drafted because you think it will be an end to the issue, I predict very strongly that it will not be. Ten years ago when I came in the body I was on the Health Committee and, as a bright-eyed new senator, or at least as a new senator, I don't know if I was ever bright-eyed or not, wanted to hear both sides of the argument and come up with the right answer. And people then began reading to me arguments on this issue that had happened back when Senator Baack's predecessor had been in the Legislature and had been promoting legislation that there was a...when the original eye drop bill came in, that there was a commitment that we'll get this passed and that's the extent of the change in scope of practice that we need. I'm not saying that maybe that was a wise decision or a wise commitment to be made, times do change and people need to be continually looking at things. But the issue almost annually has been with us since then. I think the line that Senator Kristensen is attempting to draw with his amendment is a good, a good line. The interaction of medication within the body of...with other parts of the body and other ailments is something that I want to see somebody trained in the full aspects of medicine to deal with. We come to these issues with a lot of personal effects, a lot of us base our decisions on, you know, who our good friend is back home, whether we've had friends, relatives, or as individuals who have had experiences in these areas and I'm probably not unlike that. A few years...my mother has suffered from glaucoma ever since I was quite young. She's been taking topical treatments for glaucoma ever since I can remember. Three or four years ago she was in the hospital because of diagnosed heart problems. The doctor that was treating her wasn't really quite sure what the cause was. He was able to consult with her ophthalmologist who had prescribed a particular type of glaucoma treatment and found out that that glaucoma treatment was well known for interacting with the body in other ways and had...does cause symptoms of heart problems. Now before Senator Moore and others jump up and say I'm confusing the issue, this bill doesn't deal with glaucoma, I understand it doesn't. But this bill does deal with medications and the ability of nonmedically...non-MD trained individuals