

have the same dilemma, as many of you have said, because both sides present a really good case on how they feel about LB 429 and the Kristensen amendment. But I stand here before you as a living, breathing example of people, of someone who has terrible allergies to drugs. You don't ever want to see me when I get a couple of drugs fighting in my blood because it's not pretty. My family will tell you I'm weird and terrible things happen to me, so from that point of view I speak from my own experiences when I tell you if you're allergic to any kind of drugs and the interaction of drugs then you have to be really careful whom you allow to prescribe for you. That's not to say that I don't think optometrists have the education and so on to do that. It's simply that you have to be really careful not to just take a prescription and run to the drug store and start taking the thing because you want to be sure that there's nothing in that drug that might be that minute thing that causes that reaction. So that is my big concern when you start prescribing oral antibiotics. I have a letter from a young man who is an ophthalmologist in Lincoln and he's the same generation of Doug Kristensen and Scott Moore and all these young men and women here, and here's what he says. This is a quote from his letter, and I do think it's very telling. "The use of oral antibiotics has changed dramatically in the last five years and is continuing to change on a dramatic basis." Some of the antibiotics cannot be used with certain antihistamines. You take a Sudafed, for instance, and then you take an antibiotic that someone has given you for an infection, and if you have any of those problems, you could be in trouble. Some cannot be used with other antibiotics and some are more effective than others. This man says he uses oral antibiotics once or twice a week. Now his guess is an optometrist would have less than once a year indication for use of oral antibiotics, that's his opinion, I'm not saying that that's true. But, at any rate, those are my concerns as I try to make a decision here this morning how to vote on Senator Kristensen's amendment. I'm not going to say much more and if I have any time left, Senator Kristensen, I think what Senator Robinson was trying to get from you, are there any specific examples, and I still haven't heard as to whether or not something like this did happen when an optometrist used the oral antibiotic. So if you would like my time, you may have it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Mr. Speaker,