

and they listen and they use it, and, in some cases, they experiment with it on all sides. I'm not going to support the Kristensen amendment and I have had...I have studied this on both sides very, very heavily and made that decision only in the last few minutes with the debate that goes on. But the education that we're talking about has to be continuing and I would throw in there the example of the education and training to make it real simple that you get for CPR. You have to redo that every two years just to remember how many breast and how many pushes of the chest and things that you have. So all that education and training that was 15, 20 years ago is very easily forgotten. You need to have continuing education and I do give credit to those people, and there's quite a few of them, who do go on and do this on their own. But I think if we do...if we pass this bill, we know that the optometrists are doing 32 hours of CEUs, plus what they learned from the pharmaceutical sales people. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Jones. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. Senator Kristensen, would you like to close on your amendment to the committee amendments?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Pedersen, I'm...I'm not sure what I just heard. I heard that I'm going to get my instructions on drug interaction from salesmen, from people who aren't in the medical profession? And that's how I'm going to learn about drug interactions? And I'm going to get it from 32 hours and that's, by the way, classroom hours, that's not like college credits that also have to cover lenses and corrective things and eye glasses. And that's my protection against bad drug interactions? That's pretty scary. You know, that's really scary, and maybe that's the reason I brought the amendment, is that that's what may happen. There's a reason that you don't go to medical school, you know. It's hard, it's long, it's expensive, and, yeah, you earn the money to get back but that's not the problem. The problem is that it takes a lot of time, residency requirements, internships. You don't have continuing education to learn about heart surgery. If you follow that