

example, I could be doing heart surgery if I just do continuing education. That isn't the issue. The issue is who are you going to give serious eye disease care to. You're going to give it to the people who are in the business of doing it, and those people are physicians and not just every physician, those are ophthalmologists who spent their specialty time to do it with the eye. And I go back to my very beginning. It's not a matter of who took the most classes because, quite frankly, the ophthalmologists win on that one. It's not a matter of anything other than training and experience and as you continue to do that, eye diseases are serious. We're not talking here about going and getting a pair of contact lenses. We're talking about serious infections of the eye, and if they aren't serious infections of the eye, you're going to use drops and you're going to use patches and you're going to use all those things. But if it's serious, you're going to use oral medications. Are you going to do that with somebody that's going to get their information from the sales people? You going to do that from 32 hours every two years? I hope not. I hope not. We could parade the horribles and I don't think that's...I don't think that's good because what you wind up doing is bashing one profession against another and I don't think that's right because I don't...I don't think you ought to be bashing the optometrists. But you've got to make a decision about eye care. What are you going to do for yourself if you've got a serious eye disease? Where are you going to go? What are you going to do? I think my amendment draws a good line. We could be standing up here saying, let's don't do anything, oh, let's be cautious, let's don't do it. I want to vote for 429 and the way I can vote for 429 is with this amendment, and I hope you see fit to do the same thing. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. You've heard the closing on the Kristensen amendment to the committee amendments. We will now vote on that amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment fails. We will now proceed with discussion on the committee amendments. But before I go to the first speaker, I would like to introduce some guests of the Legislature. First, in the north balcony, we have 30 fourth graders from Diller Elementary and their teacher. Would you