

folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. And other guests of the Legislature are guests of Senator Preister and they are under the...under the south balcony, we have four students from the Government class from Midland School and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being here. The first speaker or the committee amendments, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Elmer, did you wish to speak to the committee amendments?

SENATOR ELMER: Yes, very briefly, Mr. Speaker. One point I would like to make in the comments where Senator Kristensen made about Senator Pedersen's statements. To the best of my knowledge, a medical doctor has no requirement for continuing education as far as formal statutory rules are concerned. The optometrists do and they are put on, not by salesmen, but by professionals in all fields of eye care. I think that that point should be made. That point should be made. The MDs do not require continuing education at all, while these optometrists do. And I think that the characterizations made in turning that around were somewhat less than we would like to have. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Any other discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Wesely, would you like to close on the committee amendments?

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, again what we do is tighten up the bill dealing with the ability to remove foreign bodies, making clear that they're superficial eyelid, and that we also clarify what oral medications can be used and restrict their use and do not allow for steroids to be used. So this committee amendment will tighten the bill. I would ask for adoption of the committee amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the closing on the committee amendments. We will now vote on the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments have been adopted. Senator Moore, would you like to open on LB 429?