

SENATOR MOORE: As long as two out of three say it's okay.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: All right. Now does the law say that two out of three makes the recommendation valid?

SENATOR MOORE: I don't believe so. I...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, I don't think it does either. But I...that's what's going to happen and I think that we'll probably read this...we'll read this discussion in a couple of years when that scope of practice occurs and we'll...we'll have the eye wars all over again. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I plan not to vote for 429.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, will not be voting in favor of 429. I'll be in the minority, for sure. The train is rolling and I think the vote on the last amend...Kristensen amendment was indicative of probably the vote on the bill, and that's the way the process works and that's fine. I wanted to put a couple things on the record though when we come back next year and we're talking about the optometrists and glaucoma and then later on we'll be talking about the optometrists in the next area and what have you. I want to try to put a couple things on the record, at least from my view...my comfort level. Number one, Senator Kristensen asked the one question that I was going to ask Senator Moore or any senator here, why would not an optometrist want to be an ophthalmologist? And the reason is it will take a lot more work. It will take a lot more study and knowledge and they don't want to do that. They would rather go the easy way and try to get it done through the legislative process. And if that's the way we're going to begin to do design medicine in the future in Nebraska, that's fine, at least we understand the game rules. But it isn't good medicine. It's not a good process. If anyone could come up to me today and show me where there is a lack of eye care in the State of Nebraska, where people are not receiving proper eye care, I would be able to say, that's correct, that must not be...that's an area we need to work on and maybe we should allow some expansion of the scope of practice to somebody in the area because they cannot receive that medical attention. And the fact of the matter is it's not