

SENATOR HALL: Do you expect the optometrists to be back to ask for the ability to prescribe steroids?

SENATOR WESELY: I am not sure on that. I think they will be back to try and treat glaucoma, but I am not sure on the steroid.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, so this was a portion of the bill that...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...was originally there, steroids, or it was a specific exclusion that was included by the committee?

SENATOR WESELY: It was...the original bill had a very broad application of oral pharmaceutical agents with no restrictions. We put the restrictions in, and in doing so, the optometrists did agree to the exclusion of steroids.

SENATOR HALL: So you spelled out the exclusion when you limited the bill in its scope?

SENATOR WESELY: Right, under the committee amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, is there...so then the way the committee amendments deal with LB 429 that it is a...basically a grant of authority only for whatever is spelled out in the bill, is that correct?

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR HALL: Everything else is excluded?

SENATOR WESELY: Well,...

SENATOR HALL: I mean, because you know what my next question is going to be, if we exclude steroids, if something is not listed, is it then allowed?

SENATOR WESELY: No, actually, if I could take a...I know we are running out of time but the steroids is the only specific item excluded. There are also schedules that are allowed for conditions of the eye, again back to...