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SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR WESELY: ...pain, and so those schedules only allow certain drugs.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Haberman, you are next.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President and members of the body, would Senator Bernard-Stevens please yield to a couple of questions.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you respond to a question, please?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Certainly.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Bernard-Stevens, I don't think I understood properly, what were your remarks about Benkelman?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I didn't say a word about Benkelman, Senator.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Dundy County.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The only thing I said about Dundy County is if you look at the distribution of the ophthalmologists versus the optometrists in the 30-mile radius, there are none in Dundy County.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Bernard-Stevens, I have in my hand an October, 1992-93, phone book, and listed in the yellow pages is a Dr. Greg-Tim Burrows from Benkelman, which is Dundy County.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Benkelman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes, that's in Dundy County. So I wonder where you got your information?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Obviously, yours is more updated, Senator Haberman. I would say that people in Dundy County now can go to an optometrist. Hopefully, they will not go to the optometrist for oral meds, but that may be the case.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Now let's talk about optometrists for a