

minute. I look in these yellow pages and underneath optometrists it says, North Platte, Hastings, North Platte, Cambridge, so I guess I'm a little confused as to your remarks as to we have so many ophthalmologists out there to service these people in the west, that more than ever cements in my mind that the west starts west of North Platte. Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. Speaker, members, would Senator Moore yield to a question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Moore, I am trying to get a handle on what exactly these optometrists are? Are they licensed by the Department of Health?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay, then, how are they licensed? Do they complete a certain amount of education in order to be licensed?

SENATOR MOORE: There is requirements and Senator Wesely probably could give a more concise answer to that because he deals more with the health care.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay.

SENATOR MOORE: I mean, if you want, I can provide you with a list of the educational requirements but I don't...I cannot do that on the committee, amendment.

SENATOR ABOUD: Well, we talk about...

SENATOR MOORE: Here's...I mean there is...

SENATOR ABOUD: Go ahead.

SENATOR MOORE: ...postgraduate degree I believe in three years, and that time we are talking about, so it's not like...it is not like you have high school graduates practicing optometry in the