

except for the fact you can't use steroids. So there, that's a more wide-open area without any schedules being assigned to it.

SENATOR HALL: How does...now how is that changed from what currently is the law, so in other words, what you are saying is that all oral meds except steroids are allowed under this committee amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: Ah, it...

SENATOR HALL: And how does that change it from what the current practice is?

SENATOR WESELY: Current law says the ophthalmologists (sic) are not able to use oral pharmaceuticals. They can use topical but not oral. So this allows them to do oral and they will have a broad ability to use oral except for steroids, and except for in terms of painkillers, all they can use is that Section III and IV. That, essentially, is what those schedules are for.

SENATOR HALL: So that is where the schedules come into play?

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR HALL: And what you are saying for the record is that the schedules are established in Washington?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: And that then we just automatically adopt those schedules whenever changes are made?

SENATOR WESELY: Essentially, that's what I remember us doing.

SENATOR HALL: I mean, is there...what's the...do you happen to know what the movement is in this on a national basis? Has there been a change in these schedules recently? When was the last time they were changed? How was that handled?

SENATOR WESELY: The answer is I don't remember a change in those recently. They may have been changed but I don't remember legislation to change statute for sometime, but that may have happened without my memory serving me at this moment.

SENATOR HALL: I mean, well, I guess my concern, and thank you,