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**(Rebecca)**

**Optometrists Prescribing Hydrocodone – S.466 (Cleary); H.3443 (Long)** – Following Becca’s conversation with Senator Cleary, Becca and Haley met with Rep. Long who brought along two of the lobbyists supporting the bill. We talked through the issues, and again, there appears to be a lack of consensus in the medical field about the effects of the bill. To remedy that, Dr. Gardner (Chairman of BME) is reaching out to the Optometrists for clarification; and (2) Dr. Costa will reach out to the lobbyists for clarification as well. The goal is to get a consensus of the facts of the bill. Then, we can advise the Governor on a decision. The lobbyists will be meeting with Senator Campsen today to discuss the same issues.

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