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SENATOR CAVANAUGH: No, that's not the intent of the bill at all, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: I mean will it be permissive after this.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: No, I don't see any relationship. That kind of situation is governed by N double or NC, NCAA or AAU. They determine those things. They are not an individual to participate as a professional in one sport and an amateur in another. This would be just to give the Athletic Commission some authority over amateur boxing, the same authority they have over professional boxing as far as rules and conduct, of the participants.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis. The motion is to suspend the rules and introduce the bill.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Mr. Chairman this is a simple little bill. It provides that the Athletic Commissioner will have the same power over the amateurs that he has over professionals now. He can do the same thing now, Senator DeCamp, it's not one of those bills, big massive government plots to take over. Just a simple little bill to correct an oversight when the previous bill was passed to give the Commissioner the legitimate powers he ought to have to regulate the industry. I've never heard so much ado over nothing.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Just a brief second on it. It's a very simple bill. It's a bill that has to come in so that the Athletic Commissioner have the powers to control the amateur boxing that we have in the state. I have attend the Golden Gloves each and every year time and time again. These are problems that he needs the power in order to see that the particular matches are held in the status of dignity and he's asking for particular powers to go ahead with these running that department. You will find that when the bill is sent before the floor it will be one of the most simple bills we've had in the whole group of bills we have had for this session.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion now, of the motion to suspend the rules and introduce the bill. All right, Senator Waldron back to you. What is your pleasure?

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, I asked that the bill be introduced. Senator Lewis is correct, the bill really doesn't amount to much. I have no personal interest myself and as you well know I feel that such things as boxing should be outlawed completely. But I think the bill is relatively simple and there is..really there is no reason not to place this power over the amateur boxing and what have you, the amateur wrestling that goes on outside of our colleges and high schools. I think it is a legitimate interest that we should have in it. And the athletic commissioner is the logical one to have this power to make the rules and regulations. So I ask that we introduce this bill.

PRESIDENT: All right, any further discussion. The question is shall the rules be suspended, and the bill introduced. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Senator Lewis for what purpose do you rise.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, if we don't have enough votes, I'm going to move that we have a call of the house.