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LB 849

Senator Nichol is not in the room at the moment. Senator Newell, we are ready to take up 849.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 849 is a bill introduced by the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. Title read. The bill was read on January 22. It was referred to Miscellaneous Subjects. It was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: There we are. This is a bill to reauthorize the Athletic Commission which is due to be sunsetted. The bill has been amended by the members of the committee. Senator Murphy and Senator Fitzgerald are part of those committees. Senator Powers who is not here was also part of the subcommittee that dealt with this legislation. Pretty much it is a noncontroversial legislation except for one little problem which Senator Simon would like to discuss with us all and he is wrong but we will discuss that when he starts to deal with it. That is the question of whether or not there should be...physician assistants should be allowed to referee at a fight. With that I give the microphone to Senator Fitzgerald explaining any further to anybody who wants to know anything more about this terribly exciting controversial bill.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Mr. Speaker, the major issue of it was we cut the tax down from ten to five percent and pro wrestling has been paying ten percent plus the state and city sales tax. So we cut them down to ten percent and with the cut the Athletic Commission will still have enough money to run their agency without going into any tax money. That was the major thing that we changed.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to 849. All those in favor of adopting the committee amendments vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendments are adopted. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I would advance to move the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of 849 as