

Appropriations was looking at. And I think that might be a better process for the legislature to move in times of budgetary stress. This is an example of where that process may not work well in the future. Understand what Senator Conway is trying to do with the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The bill was killed. He's reinstating the money that the Government...or the Appropriations Committee took out because we abolished the commission, and I support Senator Conway's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Coordsen, you're next.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise to support the committee's position. And saying that, I recognize the concerns that both Senator Moore and Senator Bernard-Stevens have expressed on the floor of the legislature and the painful decisions that I also believe will be coming before the legislature in years in the future, unless there are some significant changes in our economy that we do not know of at this time. I have to fall back a little bit, though, on a lifetime in agriculture when...when changes in...in economic status, on an annual basis, are fairly common. And coming out of that process you become somewhat adept on making the proper adjustments, or you do not stay in that business. All things in balance, given what the State Athletic Commission oversees, the potential for abuse or injury to people who are not of economic circumstances to pay for their injuries, therefore, falling back upon the...on the budget of the State of Nebraska through one process or the other, leads me to believe that the net impact to the taxpayer would be the least in maintaining state supervision of professional and amateur boxing and wrestling in the State of Nebraska. Bear in mind these also oversee the amateur type of bouts, and ensure, through our regulations, that medical care is present, that all of the people are licensed through a central agency, that as many safeguards as are possible to put in place are put in place. Conversely, if we would have presented to the floor the Appropriations Committee recommendation, all of these things would have fallen to local municipalities or counties, wherever the bout would have been...would have been held. It's my feeling, and I think the feeling of the committee that the net cost to the taxpayers of Nebraska would have been much, much