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LB 849

aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the Sieck amendment?
Record the vote.

CLERK: 7 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of
the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Are there any other amendments?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, Senator Simon now moves
to amend the bill: To strike all the language relating
to physicians assistants being able to serve at bedside
without a doctor present.

SENATOR SIMON: Ringside.

CLERK: Ringside, ringside, excuse me, Senator.

SENATOR SIMON: This is fighting.

CLERK: That is right. We are on that one. I forgot, okay.

SENATOR SIMON: He may have a bedside manner but...

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Simon.

CLERK: Depends how good a fighter they are.

SENATOR SIMON: Well, that is exactly the point, Mr. Clerk,
I wish to make because some of these fighters, you know,
end up getting their heads knocked off so bad they are
going to need a physician. Mr. President, members of the
body, I realize that as we are going through Select File
this morning, we are going through with a lot of amendments
without much opposition but I think this is one that is
very important and I would hope that members of the body
might be able to devote a little bit of attention to it.
You may have read an article about what happened in New
York City in New York. This was approximately about two
months ago. It was brought to my attention. I saw it
in the newspaper and it was something that upset me quite
a bit. It was about a fighter who died during a fight in
New York, a fighter who never should have died, an individual
who was beaten senseless, beaten to a pulp and then died.
After that happened, the Legislature suspended boxing in
New York for a period of time, there was an investigation,
new legislation was drafted. Now why do I bring up New York
in relation to LB 849? The reason I bring it up is because
LB 849 as amended by committee amendments would allow for
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