

could I think justify our adding Senator Simon's amendment. If boxing is in such a state throughout Nebraska that there are insufficient doctors to ensure the well-being of the participants, it would be better to let boxing die altogether in the state or allow it to occur only in those areas where they have enough physicians to provide the medical attention required. Boxing, by its very nature, is violent. Boxing, by its very nature, is intended to cause the infliction of as much physical punishment on the opponent as possible. As a matter of fact, the aim is to teach one person how to throw a punch in such a fashion as to render the opponent unconscious. If you cannot render the opponent unconscious, you should either cut him so much or debilitate him so much that he cannot go on with the fight. Now whether there is a philosophical opposition to boxing or not, I won't even go into but there is no basis for anybody indicating that boxing is a gentle sport. Boxing is contact of the strongest directest variety, and if a society is going to allow boxing to occur, whatever safeguards can be built into a law that would allow these kind of activities ought to be provided and I say again, if there are areas of the state where physicians cannot be obtainable for examining these young men, boxing should not be allowed to occur there, but to reduce the requirement that the person participating be examined by a person capable of determining whether that individual is physically able to fight I think is wrong. We do have a moral responsibility here because we are allowing and condoning a sport, if you want to call it a sport, whose intention and design is the infliction of as much pain, suffering and injury as possible. So I think the least we can do, as they call it paying our devoir to virtue, is to require at least a physical examination by a licensed physician. I don't even know what a physician's assistant would be so I am going to ask Senator Newell, oh, Senator Haberman said he knows. Senator Haberman, what is a physician's assistant.

SENATOR HABERMAN: A physician's assistant is a man that has had two years of very intensive training that is permitted to work underneath the supervision of a medical physician. Supervision of a medical physician can mean being in contact by telephone. Out in our territory, Senator Chambers, we have had a physician's assistant for three years. We have had our doctor leave town for ten days to two weeks and he has completely taken over the practice. He has delivered babies. He has set arms. They are very, very capable. They are very well qualified