

to check that. We extended the length of time from that day of the bout to...it used to be three hours before the bout that the doctor had to examine and now the law says that day of the bout. I think there is an overreaction here. I think there is not an understanding of the role of the physician's assistant in this state and I am against this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, you may use that microphone right there if you want to there while you are right there.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I may as well. Members of the Legislature, my voice sounds strange to me from way back here and I get to see the backs of heads that I have never seen before and I can see why some Senators have the attitude they have about the Legislature. As I look at a physician's assistant booklet and it has a large emblem, University of Nebraska College of Medicine, it mentions on page 10 the P.A. or Physician's Assistant will be prepared to collect a data base through medical history, general physical examination. I don't know what a general physical examination is, but if it means just looking at somebody, listening to their heart, tapping their knee and that is the end of it, to me that is not sufficient an examination for a person who is about to engage in boxing. It says that the PA can aid a physician in making a diagnosis, not make a diagnosis, and to administer treatments as prescribed by the physician, not prescribe medication and do the things that a doctor is able to do. and when my colleague, Senator Powers, mentioned that a doctor gives a physical examination on the day of the fight, the committee amendment, the committee amendment is what we are dealing with here and it puts in the words, physician's assistant, which means that on the day of the fight a physician's assistant gives the physical, not only in out-state Nebraska as we keep being told. This is a general act that covers the state. Omaha and Lincoln are parts of Nebraska so a physician's assistant can give a physical in Omaha. Physician's assistant can give the physical in Lincoln, and if it is cheaper or more convenient or for whatever reason to have a physician's assistant do the physical examining, that is what can be done throughout the state under this bill and nobody can challenge it. Nobody is in a position to say, well, physicians are available, therefore, they have to give the examination. That is not what the bill says. The bill simply says that a physician's assistant can give the examination and I think we are being too casual about the safety and well-being of those who participate in boxing matches. I am