

sanctioning, actually a volunteer statewide association was created subsequent to doing away with the Athletic Commission and down there the statewide association sanctions them. Also, as I mentioned, several states have totally deregulated boxing and wrestling for a variety of reasons. There was a sunset review done in the State of Delaware, I believe, the State of Delaware, where, basically, they were of the opinion that most of the injuries in boxing are not from a single blow to the head, they are from a repetitive lifelong life in the ring that tends to oftentimes do some long-term damage, but it's not the short-term blows that is causing that damage, it's the repetitiveness of them. And in that report they recommended doing away with the boxing commission. It's one of those things, if you're concerned with safety, I believe an argument can be made if you really want to continue to have state sanctioning of regulation over boxing and wrestling, it would probably make sense, from a safety point of view, to regulate judo, karate and tae kwondo. Those things are not regulated by the State Athletic Commission, as with kick boxing, which is probably every bit as dangerous as boxing. Those things, probably because they came into...they came into creation in recent years and do not have the historical precedent of boxing, they are not regulated by the State Athletic Commission, and possibly if you really...if safety is the issue, I would argue those things need to be regulated as well. And, once again, those probably...you probably need to increase the General Fund appropriation to do that. And so, once again, the decision is quite simple, if you choose not to appropriate the money, which the body did not do yesterday, I think the thing to do is to do away with the State Athletic Commission. If you're concern is of simply passing it onto the communities, several states have totally deregulated boxing and wrestling and lets volunteers of statewide associations, that may be a possibility too. But either way you basically have three options, fund the organization; two, do away with the state association, passing enforcement onto the local level; three, is do away with the association and do away with any state regulation whatsoever. I think 1294 is a middle ground there that would solve our state's General Fund problem and may or may not cause some problems with local governments. Once again, they could charge their own gate fee to recoup their expenses and once again the state would probably have no full-time staff. The concern about some increase to burden the taxpayer there may or may not come true. And so, with that, if you're not willing to fund the agency, and there was only 14 votes to do that yesterday, I would simply ask