

doctor, would have to have a licensed referee because the license that...under the way the bill is written, the license that is good in South Sioux City wouldn't work in Omaha, so you would have to go through a whole licensing provision, give the test for the ringside judges, go through that whole process in each community, therefore, probably compounding the actual costs far greater than what we experience under the centralized process. If you don't have the centralized processes we have under the Athletic Commission, we have some other standards. One of the standards is that a person who suffers a blow to the head and loses a bout by virtue of that particular head blow cannot box in the state for 90 days and then has to have a doctor's release to do it. Under the...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CONWAY: ...under the provisions of this bill, you can imagine that somebody could box in Omaha on Saturday night, go out to Grand Island and there would be no central depository where a person may know of that particular situation, be in Grand Island Monday night, box again, be seriously injured, even though it was contrary to the law, there was no clearing house, no way to actually analyze this and study it. So if we're going to make changes to the Athletic Commission on how we provide the oversight to these particular activities, I think we need to do it through an interim study, take the input of the professionals...I've got letters here on my desk from doctors and other people who are in the professional arenas that are very concerned about the elimination of this oversight because they firmly believe it is extremely important that the State of Nebraska does not become a place for...be run roughshod over in that particular area. We don't allow dog fighting and we don't allow cock fighting and now, all of a sudden, we're moving in an arena where we're going to let humans go at it without any oversight of consequence and no particular mechanism to provide that oversight. So I firmly am against pulling this out. The committee, I think, analyzed it very closely.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR CONWAY: It wasn't done in short term. So I very much object to the pulling of the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Conway. Senator Robak.