

licenses to qualified physicians, managers, matchmakers, professional boxing judges, timekeepers, contestants and seconds upon application and payment of an annual fee. I submit to you that if a local governing body wants to have a match or exhibition in their town or their county that there would be a lot of red tape and a lot of administrative rigamarole that they would have to go through. The committee felt, based on that, that there would probably be a cost to the local subdivisions, that they would have to have maybe a half-time staff member, maybe even a full-time, probably not full-time, depending on the area. So we took that into consideration. And, finally, in response to Senator Robak, Senator Robak, I would suggest that if you feel the way you do about regulating and doing away with some of the agencies that maybe you feel are superfluous, then I would suggest that you either vote for LB 493 or LB 988 which would establish some kind of a performance audit process for state government. I think it's badly needed. I think maybe this particular bill is premature. I think that there are a lot of other agencies that perhaps are more...should be more vulnerable than this one. So I would ask you to defeat this motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Mr. Speaker and members, I guess I would just like to add a little bit to this since I felt when I was sitting on Appropriations Committee that I was one of those that asked the question as to what do you with an agency that apparently is serving no real purpose or there is no demand for, and that's how we got started, I think, on this, is that the money that we talk about that was supposedly taken away from this agency, as I understand at the time it was done with their approval, but it was done back at about '78-79, and any monies that might have remained in that agency would have been expended quite some time ago at \$25,000 a year. And so I don't feel it's really an issue at this point anymore because it wouldn't have existed even if it had been there. I think the other thing you need to clarify is that what we're talking about here is an issue that does not necessarily protect the entire public, it's not a whole public issue, it's an industry issue. And you're looking at a very small group of people here when you're talking about who needs or wants this particular service at a state level. The staffing that Senator Schimek talked about that perhaps you had an increase on a local level to handle this, right now the staff person at the Athletic Commission only works part-time. She