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LB 849

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The Murphy amendment is adopted. Are there any further amendments?

CLERK: Yes, there are. Mr. President, before I get to that, Senator Cullan would like to have an executive session of the Public Health and Welfare Committee now underneath the South balcony.

Mr. President, Senator Sieck now moves to amend the bill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I have a long amendment before all of you on 849. It really is just a short amendment but you have to have a long one to get all the statutes included so that you get what you want. What this amendment does is disallow the retirement age of the Athletic Commission. At the present time, the Athletic Commission is required to retire at a certain age and what this amendment does is to delineate that retirement. I found through the process of the hearings that our present Athletic Commissioner was very well liked by the athletic people, the people that are working with wrestling and boxing, and he has done a wonderful job for the State of Nebraska and he would like to continue in this position, but if we continue with the present law, he is going to have to retire and we are going to lose our Athletic Commission. So I am requesting that we allow the Athletic Commissioner to be exempted from the retirement age. I move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Mr. Speaker, I oppose the amendment for the simple reason that when the man took this job he knew retirement was seventy. He was appointed by the Governor for a two year term. If we give him the rights to continue, there will be another bill in here for different committees and different commissions and before you know it they will be working until they are ninety, a hundred years old. So I oppose this amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, Mr. President and members, I would like to ask Senator Sieck a question, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Sieck, would you respond?