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This doesn't ordinarily happen to me.

PRESIDENT: We will give you that chance, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. But the point that I think is being missed when Senator Vickers and others talk about the....

PRESIDENT: You are counted out.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Just about thirty seconds, when they mention that the physician's assistant is under the control of the doctor and the doctor may not be present, if the individual sustains an injury, what good does it do that individual to say, well, this physician's assistant was told by the doctor to do this but he or she just didn't have enough knowledge to carry it out. We need people doing these things who are charged by the law in the medical profession with primary responsibility and who will be able to respond in damages for any deficiency that occurs in the process. So if you reject Senator Simon's amendment and you allow the physician's amendment to do this...assistant to do this, I am going to offer an amendment which will make the physician who supervises that assistant responsible in damages for any injury that results as a result of a missed problem by the physician's assistant.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hoagland. Senator Hoagland calls for the question. Do I see five hands? I do. Question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? We are voting on ceasing debate on the Simon amendment to LB 849. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. Debate ceases. Senator Simon, you may close on your amendment.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, members of the body, what my amendment would do is very simple. As 849 has been amended by committee amendments, right now a physician's assistant, and I was talking primarily about outstate Nebraska but it could happen, of course, in Omaha or Lincoln, a physician's assistant can do the weighing in and the checking in, the check up of the fighter but what is more important and is of grave concern to me is that the physician's assistant would be at ringside and the physician's assistant could then make the determination