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THE TESTIMONY OF THE NEW YORK STATE ATHLETIC
COMMISSION BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
AND LABOR OF THE UNITED STATES, 100RD. OF
SENTEMBERS, MARCH 25, 1979.

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Chairman

MR. CHAIRMAN:

It is the unanimous opinion of the New York State Athletic Commission that some form of Federal input is necessary for the regulation and control of boxing within the United States. Because of this strong belief of our Commission, we are here today at your invitation to share with you the reasons why we feel this is necessary.

In our research to provide this testimony, we have found that almost every previous legislative hearing, or report, whether on a State level or Federal level called for a Federal role in boxing within the United States.

Our own New York State Legislative Committee Investigation of Professional Boxing recommended in its report of March 13, 1965, and I quote,

"The Committee recommends that the Congress of the United States be memorialized to take immediate steps to enact Federal legislation relating to uniform rules and regulations, licensing and promotion of boxing matches, uniform scoring system and the institution of a file for the purpose of checking records of applicants for licensing as boxers."

All witnesses who appeared before this Committee have indicated that they would unanimously support the enactment of a statute for Federal control of boxing.

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