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LB 454 to General File; LB 566, General File with amendments; LB 593, General File with amendments; LB 655, General File with amendments. (Legislative Journal pages 1186-1191.)

Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to indefinitely postpone LB 513. Senator Byars, you have the option to lay the bill over, Senator.

SENATOR BYARS: Take it up.

SENATOR CUDABACK: (Visitors introduced.) On with the motion. Senator Chambers, to open.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, when my bill to give the athletes a stipend was being discussed on Select File by Senator Friend, he mentioned that he is aware that I have opposed the enactment of bills that do nothing, and he thought mine did nothing. But I explained what that bill does, and how it's a part of an overall strategy, and the purpose of the bill itself was to put pressure on the NCAA. Senator Byars has before us a bill which he has said is to serve an educational purpose. I think it ought to be limited to that purpose. Senator Friend, in talking to me about my bill, had said it would have been better to mandate the stipend. Well, that was not my purpose, so I did not do that. Senator Byars is the one who has declared the purpose of his bill. There need not be anything suggesting the mandating of a vaccination, especially when you put language which allows an exemption for everybody who would be covered by the bill. I think it's a shell game. And I'm going to push for the killing of this bill. I'd like to ask Senator Byars a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Byars, I'm going to take it from a different angle, instead of asking you if education is your purpose in this bill. What does this bill mandate be done? And by whom is that mandated action to be taken, if anything is mandated in the bill?