

all. They can do everything with this bill in place that they do right now.

SENATOR SCHMIT: If they can do everything they can do right now, then do we really need it if there hasn't been a problem?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, they have to do it a certain way. And Tom Osborne has stated that he has some sympathy for Oklahoma because they had to go through an NCAA investigation here and it is brutal and agonizing and he had no idea what it entailed until they came here and did it.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, thank you, Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I'm just going to make a few comments. I do not know about the necessity of providing due process in this kind of a situation. I'm not at all well versed in that area. I am concerned about the extension of this sort of due process to a private entity. Number two, I do not know either how brutal the NCAA can be in an investigation. I do want to say, at this point, and it may be heresy to say so and it may be extremely risky for me to say so, but I do have to say this that I believe that we have seen the athletic programs at this...at our own institution and a number of institutions reach a point of credence where they almost supersede the academic portion of the university, if they don't. I am not sure that the NCAA does a good job or doesn't do a good job but I think to the extent that some sort of responsibility is placed...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...upon the institutions to make their programs reasonable, I think I'm in support of that. I'm not going to support the bill at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? Anything else? Senator Chambers, your light is still on, if you care to speak. And I'm sorry, Senator Korshoj's just went on. We are working under a bit of a handicap here, so bear with us. Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. Speaker, I wanted to give my time to Senator Chambers is why my light went on.