

Chambers wants to do with the bill. I just wanted to mention the fact, for Senator Schmit's enlightenment, that I also am on the bill. As a matter of fact, when I read, last fall and winter, of the injustices done to...what I thought were injustices done to Coach Jerry Tarkanian out at Nevada-Las Vegas, I was a little bit incensed about that and began some dialogue with Senator Chambers, and he being the legal expert, I figured that he would be the one to actually bring the bill, but it was partly my urging that he did that. I do feel that we are dealt with in a somewhat superhanded way by the NCAA. I have absolutely no objections to our defining due process in this state for them to qualify by. It's...to me, I think it's only fair. I think that we need to...if we need to be the first state of the nation to do that, well, then so be it, but I think we've got an awful lot of underhandedness on the part of the NCAA and the way they have handled people across the nation and I think we have an opportunity now to rectify that with this legislation. That's...I really can't speak to the legal part of it because I don't have that kind of information but I respect Senator Chambers' ability that way and that's why I asked him to help with the legislation. It's his bill and I certainly support what he's doing. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, on the motion to bracket, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator Dierks. I always need to...I'm always grateful for any enlightenment that I can receive because I need so much of it. But I would just...and I would apologize if I have in any way impugned the integrity of any kind of athletic program at any university. Far be it from me to cast any aspersions upon those very eminent efforts which, of course, we know brings honor and glory to our eminent academic institutions. I think that we have had enough of this. I think that we recognize, all of us do, Senator Chambers more than anyone, that the athletic programs at the universities far supersede the academic goals in the minds of many people and that the old adage of anything goes has become almost a rule of thumb. I don't know whether the NCAA is worth a bucket of wet spit. I don't really care. I'm suggesting that maybe at some point in time the entire situation does need to have some kind of an oversight and I don't know whether what we are doing here today makes the athletic program better or worse. I would like to know. I see there was no...there are no opponents. The university testified neutral and I am beginning to understand