

and the end result, if you don't have some kind of control, if you don't have some kind of oversight, the athlete is the one who suffers.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR SCHMIT: The university is going to continue on its merry way. The NCAA is not going to be hurt but the individuals who are exploited, and Senator Chambers has used that term, I think, if not, he has talked about the way athletes are used and abused, but the individuals who are abused are always those individual players who for one reason or another take part in a program, and then if something goes wrong, you can be sure they will be dumped and they will be ignored and so someone has to have some oversight.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I would ask the members of this body to take a good look at what we are doing to see if we enhance the program or if we diminish the program by the passage of this bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: On the motion to bracket, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Schmit is right that people play football voluntarily, in a sense, unless you're one of those poor kids who has no way to get in school other than based on your athletic ability and that's why you're recruited. But to say that a self-interested body which makes money out of the activity that it regulates should be allowed to regulate with no oversight is like saying Franklin Credit Union should not be overseen by the National Credit Union Administration and that the National Credit Union Administration, which is an oversight body, should have nobody overseeing it. People put their money into these institutions voluntarily. Nobody puts a gun to their head. But, see, when we talk about money suddenly we understand this. We will attack the credit union's operation, as we should. We will attack the carelessness of the NCUA, as we should. But when it comes to a situation like this where we're talking about athletes and people who cannot stand up against a powerful body like the NCAA, single schools cannot even do it, and the U.S. Supreme Court even acknowledged, Senator Schmit, the power of the NCAA and it said...the majority said despite the power that they have to control athletics all over the country that is not enough to