

make the courts say that they are a public body subject to the requirements of the U.S. Constitution and due process. Frankly, I didn't think that anybody would stand up and say they're opposed to due process being granted in any context because all due process means is fairness. Were I having my business challenged by the Attorney General, I would say repeatedly, be fair to me. If I were involved in the petition drive, I would say, be fair to me. There are people who, for those who lost their money in Commonwealth, are saying, be fair to them. But because my name is on this bill and it deals with the very concept of fairness under the law, then suddenly that concept is suspect. This bill is not taking any power from the NCAA. It would be like if I offered a bill that said everybody is entitled to due process in the courts of this state, then somebody would say, wait a minute, Chambers is saying that; something has got to be wrong with it, I want due process for me, but since he's recommending the bill, we better check that again. You can kill this bill if you want to, because this is not one of those things that is going to take my heart out. This is a bill that would help the university. And if you talk to Dick Wood, their lawyer, he will tell you that they need some way to stop the NCAA from bullying them. They need some way to stop the NCAA from putting them in a position to have to violate a coach or an athlete's due process rights under the Constitution or face sanctions. When I brought a bill saying pay the players, you all were told that if the school did it, even if that were fair, then they could be put out of the NCAA. And if I said, then because of fairness and dealing fairly means they are out of the NCAA, that should be the case, and on that proposition people said, no, no, that's too harsh for the university. So when I bring a bill that says that before the NCAA can impose a punishment there must be fairness, all of a sudden now they say, well, the university is in it voluntarily, let them get out if they don't like the rules. Don't get them out on the basis of doing justice to the players but get them out because they want due process and the NCAA won't give it. I do pay attention to things that people say on this floor, not just on a specific issue. And if you kill the bill this year,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I will just bring it back again. But if you kill this one, you are taking something from the university that it greatly would like to have. So I'm going to fight the