

is not being offered just to make a point. This is a bill designed to ensure that due process rights are observed before punishment is imposed on the university. And remember this, the NCAA can compel a university to punish a coach as it did in the instance of Nevada-Las Vegas, or take action against a player, and they do it by saying, if you don't impose this punishment that we feel should be imposed even though your findings indicate it should not be imposed, we will impose sanctions on you. And we can say all we want to about what the university ought to do. But I believe Senator Warner would be one of the first ones who would say, I won't vote for a bill that would jeopardize the university's standing in the NCAA. Others have said similar things. So the NCAA's power is unquestioned. It's been acknowledged by the networks, by the U.S. Supreme Court, by the various schools and universities that are governed by it. What I had indicated, and I say it again, if the Attorney General's Opinion indicates that there are changes that should be made, I will assist in the process of making those changes. But let me ask you the contrary question or a different question. If the Attorney General's Opinion comes back and says there is no problem with the bill, then what? Why has mine been delayed the 10 days or whatever it's going to be? If it moves, then the only one disadvantaged, if it has to come back, would be me because I would have to bring it back for the amending process and that would take some time. But there is no indication that there is anything unconstitutional about the bill. Nobody has shown anything in the bill that could be unconstitutional. So we will await the Attorney General's Opinion before a vote is taken. But I would still not like the bill held here. And remember this, you all can do anything with any of my bills that you want to do with them. I can't stop you from doing that. So if the bill is moved this morning, as the other bills are moving, that doesn't ensure that it's going to pass. It certainly does not bind you to vote for it should there be amendments made necessary by the Attorney General's Opinion. The question that I wish you would consider is what would I benefit as the sponsor of this bill pushing a measure that could not stand constitutional muster? What would I have achieved? Nothing. But there is something that I do want to achieve. So if the Attorney General's Opinion comes back and indicates that there should be some amendments, I would assist in that process.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.