

for and then get that player within 48 hours to break that contract and sign with Agent B? Can you see that happening, and this will help establish a bidding war, and this bill encourages that? Can you see that as a possibility?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I see a bidding war as a possibility. I, again, I don't...without...are you suggesting that if they file...they have to file the contract immediately before the 48-hour period runs?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, no, the 48 hours, whenever they sign it, they've got 48 hours.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yeah, but I mean filing the contract is what I'm getting at. In order for there to be a bidding war, it would seem to me they...other sports agents would have to find...would have to know what the terms and conditions of the contract are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And usually when a contract like this is signed, it is publicized, but I want to raise the problems...

SENATOR ASHFORD: So I guess I would say I don't think there would be a bidding war unless I'm missing your point.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, let me take you to page 14 in line 2, any person who knowingly and intentionally violates the act shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor. Do you see that?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does that make this a criminal statute?

SENATOR ASHFORD: It makes it a criminal statute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When you prohibit conduct and attach a penal...a punishment, is that what constitutes a criminal statute?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Kristensen, I'd like to ask you a question or two before my time runs out, not on the bill itself.