

so much wrong with this bill that there is not enough time to really deal with it, but I hope that opportunity presents itself so I can at least put some things in the record, then after you've passed the bill and it's attacked and stricken down, I can go point by point with what I said here and we'll compare it to what the Supreme Courts says when it strikes it down because this is an unconstitutional piece of legislation.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, you're entitled to speak.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Oh, good. I will try to rebut some of the things, there were so many allegations I don't know where to start. I can just tell you that most of them are off base and I'd like to just start with Senator Chambers' comment that the interview process will allow the universities or the institutions to select designated agents, that they could prefer as far as representation of specific athletes. If you turn to page 12 and actually read the statement in the bill it says in Section 18, if an institution of higher education elects to sponsor athlete interviews, then it goes on, any registered athlete agent may arrange for the interview. That's any. It doesn't say that the institution selects them. It was a point that was brought to us, we corrected that in revising this bill and have addressed that question. And so, Senator Chambers, if we're talking about misleading advertisements, is making one here on the floor today. If you take a look at another allegation he made on page 4, he was talking about a noneligible student athlete who may be attending graduate school or professional school cannot be contacted by an agent. If you read the preceding paragraph and look at it, it says that an athlete agent who is not registered with the Secretary of State shall not contact. So if the agent is registered he can contact that noneligible student athlete. All you have to do is register with the Secretary of State and do that. Then you can contact the noneligible student athletes. With respect to requirements and disclosure of information and talk about information, there are specific reasons why you want to disclose this information about athlete agents and we're trying to address some of the problems that have occurred. One of the problems is that the agents have misled athletes by saying that they represent certain other sports personalities, that they have lawyers who are part of their operation or that they have accountants or investment counsellors when, in fact, when you get to check the records they have no affiliation with a lawyer