

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Chambers, the issue of the...trying to protect these individuals, the example of Mike Rozier with regard to some of these sports agents, would you, if it was done in a manner that basically you felt was proper, that took it in the form that was one that was within legal ramifications, that did not have some of the issues that you address with regard to registration, the disclosures and things like that, could you be supportive of a bill that basically was laid out there that would protect these athletes from some of these unscrupulous tactics and these folks who act as sports agents?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hall, my answer won't take more than 45 seconds, so don't panic and think I'm trying to talk away all of your time. The fact is that this bill is based primarily on rules and regulations laid out by the NCAA as to what constitutes eligibility for an athlete, so that is the problem that I have. The state is becoming the enforcement arm of the NCAA. And as such I would oppose any form of an agent registration bill.

SENATOR HALL: So, in other words, Senator Chambers, if we were to strike those provisions that basically put into statute the NCAA provisions, you would tend to be more supportive of a sports agents bill?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, you...Let me make sure I'm understanding the question. If there was some way to get away from those NCAA requirements on athletes, yes, I would, but then Senator McFarland wouldn't want the bill because this is based on eligibility as defined by NCAA rules. So to have this bill you would have to be endorsing everything that the NCAA has imposed on the athlete as a restriction.

SENATOR HALL: But, Senator Chambers, isn't it true that other states handle this manner in a different way, handle this matter...Say, for example, I think this sheet that Senator McFarland passed out to us shows that the States of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Minnesota place this issue in different areas, and they don't necessarily adopt the NCAA provisions? For example, Illinois puts it under the bribery statutes; Indiana has a provision that would be a written notice to an athletic director within ten days.