

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Yes, he or she could go to any person, regardless of that person's qualifications or certification to represent him.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If your bill is passed in its present form, could that player go to his father, to his brother, to a best friend without being a registered agent?

SENATOR MCFARLAND: My initial impression is no, that they could not do that. That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, can you see that restriction placed on the player? You can't use a family member in whom you have confidence and who may be eminently qualified to represent you. On page 15, then I'm coming back to my amendment, you'll find in Section 22 "The Secretary of State shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the Athlete Agents Registration Act." First of all there is no guidance whatsoever in terms of those rules, but why are you going to give the Secretary of State that duty, then write into statute some of the provisions that have to be on the face of the contract, but not the rest. You see that what is written on the face of the contract goes to eligibility, that is what is put into the contract, not that the agent cannot charge you more than a certain amount of money, but eligibility and the fact that within 48 hours you can get out of the contract. And what do those things touch on, the welfare of the player or the welfare of the school? I think they all go to the welfare of the school, because if a player entered one of these contracts and the school found out, they could try to get the player to rescind that and then work with the NCAA and say, this kid was hustled into signing this contract, so we're asking that you impose no sanctions because we got him to break the contract. So the two things that are required to be put on the face of the contract go to eligibility from the standpoint that the school has an interest in. So I'm asking that you begin to tidy up this bill by striking the language that I have mentioned on page 10.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please, followed by Senator Schellpeper. (Gavel.) Could we have it a little quieter so we can hear the speakers better, please.