

we have a legal counsel for the Judiciary Committee. But in previous statements you said sports agents have to provide a lot of information to be registered, and they do. The reason that we want this done is because we want to know all about these people, and I think that's only fair. Many other states have laws such as this, and many more are proposing them. So I don't think that this bill is that bad. Getting back to some of the parts that may not be constitutional or that we have a problem with, Coach Osborne did testify on this bill and I'm sure that they had their legal counsel look it over. But the point that I want to make to this body this morning is that we do have, we do have unscrupulous agents out there. They are tricking, they are tricking some of our fine student athletes out of money. And I think when they do things like this then I think it's time for this body to pass a law. And, Senator Chambers, I was surprised that you did offer a kill motion because I felt that we should be able...if you have problems with the bill, we'll try to amend it and go from there.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, followed by Senator Abboud. Senator Abboud, please. Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Yes, I'd like to just make a couple of points. First, Senator Chambers has raised the question with regard to a father or a brother or an uncle representing a particular athlete. Let me expound on that, because I didn't really have a chance to do that. If the relative is going to represent the athlete for a fee and enter into a representation agreement with their nephew or their brother or their son or whatever, then they have to register with the Secretary of State. On the other hand there is nothing to prevent the athlete from going to a particular sports franchise that he or she may be drafted by or be in contact with, negotiating his or her own agreement. And certainly he or she can solicit the advice of their father, can solicit the advice of their brother, or their uncle, or their aunt, or whoever it may be, and there would be no violation of the act as long as there was no representation agreement and as long as their relative, father, brother, uncle, what have you, charges them no fee for such representation. So, in fact, the athlete, if he or she chooses, can negotiate the contract on his or her own with the professional sports team and have the voluntary services of their relative without having that relative have to register. But if that relative, for example, is an uncle who is in the sports agent business, who wants to charge a fee for that, then