

that sports agent would have to register in order to get that fee, one point of clarification. The second point addresses specifically this amendment because Senator Chambers wants to eliminate the language that would be on the contract about the student jeopardizing his or her eligibility by entering into this contract. There is a specific reason for including that language in the types of contracts that are entered into. The problem that has occurred in the past is that athletes will be contacted by agents who will tell them, who will tell them that here is a representation agreement, we're going to post-date it to after the season. And, if you sign this, it won't have any effect until after the season is over. And some of these athletes have been naive enough to believe that, so they enter into the representation agreement that probably has unfair terms in it, and unfair conditions, and unfair fees charged in it as well, they enter that thinking that they have...they are not jeopardizing their eligibility in any way. The reason for that language is so that the athlete will be aware of what he or she is doing. If the athlete, in fact, says I don't want to be eligible to compete in sports, I want to forego my senior year, or whatever, I'm going to sign this agreement knowing full well that I lose my eligibility, he or she can do that. But what we're trying to prevent by this language is that the athlete, when they sign the representation agreement, knows that they are forfeiting their eligibility during their future years with the institution of higher education. Many of these athletes have no idea what they are getting into when they sign these type of representation agreements, particularly when sports agents make offers of money, make offers of travel, in some cases where it's really been abused they've offered women, prostitutes to athletes, they've offered drugs in some of the more egregious circumstances. Those are the things we're trying to prevent. We're trying to say with this representation agreement that that has to be at the top of the representation agreement, disclosure has to be made so the athlete is aware, when they sign the representation agreement that in fact they will jeopardize their eligibility and in fact lose their eligibility by signing such a representation agreement. That is...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR McFARLAND: ...the reason for that provision, and that is why I think it should be included. I would urge you to vote against the proposed amendment.