

I wasn't competent. You have a tremendous amount of content in this bill, much of it desirable, and the intent is well. But I would suggest that every time that you limit the available number of agents that in fact you might be doing the athlete an injustice. I have watched this on this floor time, after time, after time, and we do it in the interest of protecting the consumer. But, in fact, the individual we protect is usually the one who provides the service. In so doing the consumer's interest is not well served. I would suggest you look long and hard at this bill to find out just what will be the final result five years from now, whether you have a small cadre of 100 or 200 agents...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...who are highly qualified, motivated purely by the interest of the athlete, absolutely no financial consideration on their own part whatsoever, but simply totally altruistic, I doubt it. I would suggest you'll have the same percentage of scoundrels five years from now and the same percentage of high quality individuals five years from now that you have now; you'll just have a reduced number, which I do not think is going to work on behalf of the athlete.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please, followed by Senator McFarland.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I didn't know how good a ventriloquist Senator Korshoj was, but had you thought I was the one who called for the question, I was going to tell you, not so, not so. I find it interesting, in listening to Senator McFarland, because he is a very sincere man. Remember this, Senator McFarland was an outstanding football player on the University of Nebraska's team. He played professional with the St. Louis Cardinals, at that time, with the then St. Louis Cardinals who are now the Phoenix Cardinals. They've never been the same since he left. They can't beat anybody, even when they are favored. Well, anyway, Senator McFarland knows athletes and has known them and I believe he has a genuine concern for the welfare of the athletes. But Senator McFarland has not explored this area as deeply or for as long a time as I have, with the same view in mind that I have in mind. Did you listen to some of the things Senator McFarland said, these unscrupulous agents, and he's not saying every agent is unscrupulous, but the ones we have defined as unscrupulous offer