

to these college men, they offer them drugs, offer them money, offer them travel, offer them women. And because that makes them unscrupulous we need to regulate them. Brothers and sisters of the Legislature, that is exactly what a lot of college recruiters offer to these high school kids, offer to the high school kids. If we're going to nip a problem, why shouldn't we nip it in the bud. Why don't we place the same restrictions in state law on these college recruiters that we're trying to place on the agents? What Senator McFarland's bill and other bills of its ilk will do, in addition to making the state an enforcement arm of the NCAA and its unfair rules, is to place the burden for all the problems in college athletics on the back of the agent. And yet the agent is the only one who wears a label telling you what he is, I'm coming to you to offer a service for some money. And when there is a money relationship you need to look out for your interests. How does the recruiter come? The recruiter talks to the parents. Your son is going to get a good education, we'll ensure that he will study and have enough time. If he's injured, we won't have him play hurt. And then he gets to the school and things dramatically change. Remember, these sanctions that the NCAA is imposing on a selective basis, though it be, are against coaches, recruiters, boosters who happen to be business persons, presidents of universities, and in at least one case a Governor. If these are the people who have been ferreted out as causing the main problems in college athletics, why is Senator McFarland going to go over here and jump on the agents? That is not where the problem is. The problem has been a building and a festering during the four and in some cases five years that these players stay at these schools. And they are exploited at these schools. Why do you think that a player like Jarvis Redwine wears a flack jacket? To protect injured ribs. Why do you think they build these sophisticated knee and ankle braces? So that players can play with injuries. Why do they make light-weight splints? So that if there is a broken arm, or a torn cartilage, or a stretched muscle, the player can continue to play for the school. And you're telling me that athletics purpose is to build a better human being, to be a part of the education process. They are splinted, flack-jacketed,...

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...shot up on drugs and all of these other