

things in the context of attending an institution of higher education, and Senator McFarland is going after the agent. At least the bills that I bring go directly where the vipers are, and I want to set them hissing in their den. This bill should be amended in the way that I'm trying to amend it here because I have an additional amendment dealing with other language that must be placed on the face of this contract. What I am suggesting is that we not do the work of the NCAA, this same NCAA that so many of you were outraged with because they wanted to put a lot of Nebraska's players on probation for mishandling their tickets, which is the punishment called for by the rules. So you didn't want those rules enforced.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: NCAA was bad then.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator McFarland.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Okay. I would just like to respond to a few things again. And sometimes the allegations get so wild and preposterous it's hard to focus on any of them because so many of them are really mischaracterizations. I'd like to state first this bill is not...my purpose in introducing this bill is not to generate a forum where we discuss everything with college and professional sports or anything that may or may not be wrong with it. Frankly, my feeling, having been a college athlete, having been a professional athlete, is that there is nothing wrong with the idea that a college athlete is given a scholarship so he can get an education, participate in sports and proceed with another career. Believe it or not, Senator Chambers, there are athletes that I can cite, one after another, who would not have been able to attend an institution of higher learning without an athletic scholarship, who attended such an institution, including the university, like I did, got a degree, studied hard, worked hard, went on to graduate school or professional school, or a job of their own and are doing very, very well as a result of that opportunity in college sports. It's a very noble ideal, it is a very good ideal. It doesn't always happen that way I will be the first to acknowledge. But the fact of the matter is that there is tremendous good being done in college football with athletes who may never play professional football but who are able to attend college because of an athletic scholarship and able to get a degree to go beyond and improve themselves as a result of it. The second thing, to