

significant an impact on it as the one you just adopted without a dissenting vote, but, Senator Lindsay, I applaud you for having them adopt an amendment at least striking the criminal provision that should have been taken from the bill. That was necessary. The language that was added still does pose a problem, because when you have a definition section in a piece of legislation, the court, when it sees words in the act, will go back to the definition to see what that word or those words will mean. The term "athlete" does not appear in the bill in the definition section by itself. There is no definition of athlete. We don't know what an athlete is, so although it talks about a noneligible student athlete and it talks about a student athlete, it does not define athlete. A person could be embraced by this bill who has never participated in an athletic contest in this state. A person who attends a university but would be eligible under NCAA rules to participate is covered by this bill whether he or she has participated in an athletic contest or not, whether he or she has been on any of the teams or not. So problems still exist with the bill, and I think if Senator McFarland can find those in the body who will point out some of these issues and bring amendments, they can improve the bill, but between Senator McFarland and me, I don't think he needs to amend the bill at all in order to get it passed. If amendments are offered, I am going to have to discuss them so there will be some time taken with that. So if he wants advice from a person who has been here a long time, and since he was satisfied with the bill the way it came out of committee, he is probably still satisfied with the bill the way it is now. So I would advise him to offer no amendments, and advise the rest of you to offer no amendments, either, because nobody really cares about the form of the bill except me, and I am not going to offer any amendments, because I want the bill now to stay just the way that it is. Senator McFarland, I am not going to oppose the bill by offering amendments, but I am not going to vote for it because I cannot. The standards that I have set for myself are too high to allow me to vote for a bill such as this.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lindsay, please.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Question.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. It won't be necessary, but thank you anyway. Would you like to close, Senator McFarland, on the advancement of the bill?