

could be a full-blown public hearing and all information about the program could be gotten into the record; offering it as an amendment alone would not have allowed that opportunity, but I believe the Board of Regents could do this and I did talk to a person in the Chancellor's Office who agrees, so the part about the board having that authority is not at question.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, I assumed that that was the case, but I just wanted to make that clear for everyone here. I would urge support for Senator Chambers' resolution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I think Senator Withem explained it. We did hear this bill in Education, and it all too often I think the minority students are not able to take advantage of some of the programs and some of the scholarships and so on, that others may. In the resolution I may have a little problem with some of the statistical, or that they are...you know, not given the chance but on the other hand they are not able to take that opportunity. I think that this is the least that we can do. It started from private seed money, as Senator Chambers has said. He's gone out and he has worked for it and far too often we hear about the gangs, we hear about the crack, we hear about the cocaine, we hear about the problems that we were discussing yesterday, and I think this is the least that we can do and if the money is there this year, it starts something that is not ongoing in our budget and this is the time to do it. And the university receives the program well, and I expect a good cooperation and I do hope the body supports this resolution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Dierks, please.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I, too, rise in support of the resolution. I think it's an admirable thing that Senator Chambers has brought and I think it's admirable from the standpoint of the way that the concept was conceived in the first place, so I just urge the body to support this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. any other discussion? Any other comments? Senator Crosby, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: I support this bill and did in legislate...the