

generate for this university every year. And then on the other hand, they want to require these athletes to give up assistance they are entitled to based on need. So you don't want to pay them and you don't want them to receive the aid that is available through the federal government to help them in this hellish condition that NCAA rules and a weak university system allows them to be brought under. My obligation, and I feel the obligation of the Legislature,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is to enact laws that will prevent that kind of discrimination. As we proceed during the discussion, Senator McFarland has promised to explain a letter that was written by the university dealing with nonscholarship athletes, and I think it is unfair how they are being dealt with and the university should not treat these young people in that fashion. But I will not go into that aspect of it until he explains the letter that was written. But here is the choice, either the law is going to protect all students similarly situated from discrimination, or the Legislature is going to refuse to enact a law because it feels bound by unfair rules of the NCAA. When I have a chance to speak again, I will explain other provisions of the bill that are designed to prevent the NCAA...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...from doing anything to the university for obeying this law.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. An amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend his bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, on the amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, there is some provisions in the bill that I would like to have stricken, then the discussion can be on the bill, itself. In a provision of the bill that would allow a fine to be imposed on the NCAA for taking action against the university for complying with this law would make such action by the NCAA a felony. I want to strike the reference to a felony and just leave the fine