

this case, because this applies to football, would he be allowed to accept the full Pell Grant or any part of it?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator McFarland, would you care to respond?

SENATOR MCFARLAND: I think I understand the question. If you look on the first page of the letter, it says for the recruited athlete. It can be a non...recruited nonscholarship athlete, if they accept any financial aid, which would include the Pell Grant, they could not participate in athletic competition on the varsity level unless they are counted as a scholarship athlete. They can participate as freshmen or as redshirts, or whatever, intermural, club competition, B team, but they could not participate on the varsity level.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members, I wanted that in the record so that you would see this bill with reference to the Pell Grant aspects will impact on the university, also, despite what they have said in this letter. They are not clear...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of the entanglements that would result if this bill is passed, and I don't want to soft-pedal what this bill does. It would put the university on a collision course with the NCAA, but in the process of creating that collision course, I want the issue clearly drawn, the issue of what we are dealing with here, that this Legislature is going to agree that students can be compelled to give up something to which they are entitled in order to participate in a university sanctioned function. What some of these students ought to do but they won't because of the club held over them by the Athletic Department is sue the university charging that they are being denied equal protection of the law. They are being made to give up something that the other students are not being made to give up in order to participate in a university activity. Since my time is up, I won't try to start on another aspect of the issue.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Crosby, would you care to discuss the bill?

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members. Yes, I would like to talk...to speak to the bill. I am supportive of the bill even though I think all of us are still living back in the good old days when football and all the sports, we had a