

Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will give whatever time I have to Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I get very exercised when this subject comes up. They cannot speak for themselves, they dare not sue the university. They are denied all kinds of rights that are taken for granted by others, and denied redress. Remember, the category of students that Senator McFarland talked about who were recruited but not given a scholarship are covered by NCAA rules, but those rules don't apply to all athletes, and I would like to ask Senator McFarland a question. As he comes back to the microphone, I am going to say a couple more things. There are revenue generating sports and nonrevenue generating sports. The vast majority of violations of rules when it comes to recruiting and paying players occurs in the revenue generating sports because the money is so good. Senator McFarland, when we are dealing with that category of athlete that you mentioned who are the recruited but nonscholarship, isn't it true that those NCAA rules denying aid to those athletes applies to only those in football and basketball?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR McFARLAND: In all honesty, I really don't know. The basketball and football are the revenue generating sports. I am wondering if it wouldn't apply to baseball as well, and I am not absolutely sure. I'd need to clarify and look at that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, in talking to Mr. Griesen, he pointed out, and you will see on page 1 of his letter, that football and basketball are the sports covered by what we are discussing here today. If it is a bad thing to allow needy students who happen to be athletes to receive this aid, why don't they take a hockey player and put him under the same rule. They don't do it because hockey doesn't make money. It doesn't apply to tennis players, doesn't apply to golfers, doesn't apply to swimmers, doesn't apply to those who participate in track, applies to none except football and basketball, which are the only two sports that have resulted in multimillion dollar network contracts. Football and