

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Time is up.

SENATOR NELSON: For that reason, I will be offering a resolution for a study this summer.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator. Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. President. Fellow senators, I would like to respond briefly to a lot of things Senator Chambers has said because I do not agree with him on a lot of those things. It certainly isn't a win-at-all cost attitude at the university. I am a product of that program and I have been around the program for a number of years. It is an excellent sports program. It is one of the finest college football, basketball programs that we have in the country with respect to playing by the rules, to having an interest in seeing that students get a college education, having an interest in students and athletes after they are finished. We can be proud of the record that has been established by the athletic department at the university, particularly when we compare it to some of the scandals that have occurred to other schools...at other schools, some of the suspensions that have occurred, some of the firings of coaches and all of those other things. We are justifiably proud of that program. So I don't agree with a lot of the broad characterizations that Senator Chambers has made. What I do agree with him on, and I think...I think the athletic department at the university also agrees with him on is that there is a problem with the NCAA rules as it restricts...as those rules restrict the amount of financial aid that athletes can get. There is a problem with respect to the Pell Grants. There is a problem with respect to institutional aid that goes to nonscholarship athletes. It's not fair. It's not right. The problem is how to address that problem and do you address it by passing a law like this one that would set up a direct confrontation and would engender a court case to try to resolve the issue? There is a certain uncertainty of what would happen legally. I am not sure what would happen. I'm trying to...I read the Tarkanian case last night. I'm trying to read more. There would be problems in that you...if the university was required to violate NCAA rules and the NCAA imposed sanctions like not allowing us to participate in the bowl game or taking away some scholarships, what would be the legal remedy available to the university? What would be the relationship between the university and the NCAA? I think that this position is phrased