

an interim study be undertaken. When we have had interim studies about other subjects which had a higher profile than this one, there often is very sparse, if any, participation by the public and even the parties who may have a direct interest. What my amendment will do, and I discussed it with Senator McFarland, it seemed to put him a bit more at ease but I don't know what his position ultimately will be on the bill. It would set the effective date for this bill at July 1st, 1991. That would be after an additional NCAA conference. If the bill is on the books, it would put Coach Osborne and Athletic Director Devaney in a stronger position to talk to the NCAA. I did talk to Coach Osborne Friday, he was in Chicago, and he said at that time he was going to run the matter past Dick Schultz, who is the Executive Director of the NCAA. He reiterated to me what has been his consistent position, that he has desired that the athletes be able to receive the full Pell Grant. He also would like to see the other athletes who are recruited but not on scholarship able to receive some aid, and I think you all may be aware of a position he took publicly a few weeks ago saying that he supports a stipend for the players. There is no question about the position of Coach Osborne in terms of trying to find a way to do more for the players. There is no question about my desire to do that. So he and I are not at odds with regard to that. What I am trying to do with this bill is eradicate a discriminatory administration of aid. I have written a letter to the chancellor with a number of questions, and I have handed a copy of the letter to all of you, and what may interest most of you is that I committed a typographical error in the word "Chancellor" in the salutation. It comes out "Dear Cahncellor", C-a-h-n, and my seatmate, Senator Baack, was delighted to call that to my attention, but one of the crucial points in the letter, and I think all of the questions have a purpose in focusing on the nature of the discrimination that exists right now against some players, but question 10 asks this question, if the aim of the university is education and being a student is paramount to being an athlete, how can it be educationally justifiable and morally defensible to institutionalize a discriminatory rule that requires a student to give up education aid as a condition to participation in athletics? The other questions are of a similar tenor, so what I am going to ask that you do is adopt this amendment that would make the effective date of the bill July 1st, 1991, that is July 1st of next year.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. For purposes of discussion, Senator McFarland, Senator Morrissey on deck.