

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is true, this bill has been discussed thoroughly and I have had a lot of discussion with Senator Chambers, and I have had a chance to visit briefly with Coach Osborne and talked with a few of the administrators at the university. It seems to me there are actually various alternatives that can be taken with this bill and we have decide in this Legislature where we want to go with it. The first alternative we were talking about Friday was the idea of possibly advancing the bill on General File and trying to see if there were 25 votes to advance it with the understanding that some type of legal analysis or legal opinion would be sought so we would know for sure whether this bill, if passed and enacted into law, would jeopardize the university in its relations with the NCAA. The second approach that we were talking about and which I was leaning toward at the time was to delay the bill, maybe not consider it this year, to specify an interim study be conducted, and in that interim study, the goal would be to have university representatives here, to have persons perhaps from the Department of Education, and I had assumed Senator Chambers was talking about the Federal Department of Education, to perhaps even have representatives from Washington who dealt with this issue with respect to Pell Grants and financial aid, and with the idea that the NCAA representatives, who are headquartered in Kansas City, would also appear and discuss the issue. That was the hope that an interim study would be directed at, one, focusing on whether the bill is in proper form, whether you should, if you are going to pass a bill of this nature, whether it would be drafted in any particular way to avoid any possible sanctions being imposed on the university, and the idea that there would be a full and thorough discussion. What Senator Chambers is proposing by this amendment is to delay the effect of the bill until July 1, of 1991. My understanding of his reason for proposing this amendment in this fashion is to allow the bill to be passed with the hope that it would be signed by the Governor, and then an interim study would be perhaps taken more seriously by all the parties concerned. I am sure that if this bill is passed in its form and is signed by the Governor, it would certainly place a time restriction and certainly bring the issue to a focus. I am not sure whether that would have the necessary intended effect, if the effect is, if the intended goal is to try and resolve the situation with the help of the NCAA, the university, and under the auspices of the Legislature's interim study hearing type of procedure. I am torn. I am really debating what is