

convention. We have a lot of problems with different types of group that have some sorts of strange powers over different groups in this state, but we can't really affect them. We can't pass a law and it doesn't seem like that we can really touch these folks. The NCAA is one of many of these groups, and if they continue to ignore problems like this, it is to their own detriment, and I think if we pass Senator Chambers amendment, and then go ahead and pass his bill, it will force them to address this issue in their next convention and make their case, why have they refused to address it in the past, and what is wrong with these nonscholarship athletes receiving some sort of grants-in-aids if, indeed, they are deserving. They shouldn't be forced to make this choice. These folks are probably a lot of people that don't get a lot of show time on Saturday afternoon, do a lot of hard work, get beat up on the scout team and other things, and I think they are deserving. If their financial status says they should deserve this aid, I think that just because they want to go out and work their tails off in some sort of sport that they shouldn't be allowed to get it. I think it is a very discriminatory situation and I think we can address that for not only the kids in our state but across the nation. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Landis, discussion on the amendment, followed by Senator McFarland.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, let's try to lump together what we know and distinguish it from that which we are uncertain of in this area on LB 708. There is no disagreement on the floor that the practice complained of is discriminatory. Senator McFarland, in his concerns for the bill, makes no case that the practice is one that he approves of, that it is not in the public record a defense of the discriminatory practice of the NCAA. That is not where the issue lies. So let's put on the known quantity the fact that the practice that we are complaining here is discriminatory on its face, and it serves to discriminate against athletes in the granting of aid. Now let's look whether or not we will or will not be in compliance with NCAA rules should the bill pass and we act accordingly. Well, we don't know. We have rumor, suspicion, guess, prognostications, odds, that is it, but we do not know. On the other hand, I am sure that many of us are thinking, well, wait a second, I don't want even a cloud or a shadow to fall on our athletic programs, but I think it is fair for us to ask ourselves the questions, why must we comply with a