

about whether or not the NCAA is going to scowl at the university than they are about doing justice to our students who are invited to this university supposedly to get an education, but when they come here, then because the interest of the...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...Athletic Department are contrary, they have to be subjected to discrimination in the obtaining of aid. I hope you will advance the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator McFarland, on the motion to advance.

SENATOR McFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The issue, it seems to me, is really one of trust. Do you trust the university and the administration, Athletic Department, and possibly the NCAA to participate actively in an interim study, if we have one, with the idea of trying to address the inequities created by the present NCAA rule with regard to the financial aid for athletes of the university. If you have that element of trust, then it seems to me that you really don't need to pass a law this year, if it is not going to take effect until next year anyway. You could have the interim study and try to address the issue before the Judiciary Committee, and see what the best alternative would be as far as addressing this particular problem. If you lack trust in the university and the NCAA and the Athletic Department and you think that there needs to be some kind of pressure exerted in order to get active participation in an interim study type of approach, then I think Senator Landis and, perhaps, Senator Morrissey have a basis of saying, well, we should pass the bill since it doesn't take effect for one year. It will make people set up and take notice that this is a serious issue, that the Legislature is concerned about it, and we want to compel them here to be here. That is really an issue at hand. My concern, as I have stated before, is that if this bill gets into effect and the confrontation occurs, you may have consequences that you never intended. You may have a situation where the NCAA, in effect, takes scholarships away from the university, or you have a court case that would say to the university, okay, you can allow the financial aid for athletes and obey the state law, but you have to decrease your scholarships as a result of that. I am a little concerned about that. The intended effect may be that you would actually harm the university and athletes who might want to attend the university because scholarships could indirectly be limited