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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...on the front page of this handout deals with the young man named Doug Langemeier, and, Senator Hefner, how fair is it for the university to have encouraged him to come to the school telling him a scholarship would be available for him. Then when he reached the varsity, no scholarship was available, and beyond that, he was told he'd have to give up the Regents Scholarship. All this bill says is that any of these aid programs created by federal or state law are going to be administered in accord with those laws, and not the NCAA rules. Passing this bill will not put the university in violation of anything. The effective date is after their next conference and it is clear to me, and to others with whom I have talked, that this Legislature does not have to go to the NCAA to get permission to enact laws. So I am hoping that those of you who...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...have concern, not only for the students, out the integrity of the Legislature, will support this bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. We will now proceed to Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Senator Chambers, will you respond to a question?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Chambers, if I remember correctly, a number of years ago, the NCAA began an investigation of the University of Nevada at Las Vegas and its basketball program and its coach, Jerry Tarkanian, and I think that Jerry Tarkanian eventually was able to get an order from the courts enjoining the NCAA from taking any action against him because they didn't grant him due process, if I remember correctly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR WILL: I think that eventually wasn't there a Supreme Court ruling saying that the NCAA did not have to grant due process to member institutions?