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SENATOR HEFNER: ...and I haven't gone that...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, that's why the Bible has that statement, eat the whole roll. The whole thing, not just selected portions, because by doing that it gives a false impression of what Mr. Papik testified to. I was in the committee hearing and I heard him. And I also know what the bill said, so it's passage will not put the university in violation. And Senator Hefner keeps talking about NCAA rules. Senator Hefner, there are some principles of justice and equity that supersede NCAA rules. Let me ask you another question, if I may. And here's the question, while you stand up. Do you agree that the present system is unjust when it comes to the treatment of the players? Do you agree that the system, as it exists now, is unjust as far as the way that it treats the players?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Chambers, I said that I sympathize with you, and I sympathize with the football players. Yes, we do have problems.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And do you agree that justice delayed is justice denied?

SENATOR HEFNER: But I feel that, if we want to correct this, the proper way would be to go to the NCAA and not pass legislation doing it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members, I read that editorial that showed how dejected St. Thomas, I mean Coach Osborne was after going to an NCAA convention and being kicked in the teeth so many times on so many proposals, and now Senator Hefner says to go back to that unjust, kangaroo court, it's a waste of time. And for his information, which he may be unaware of, Senator Hefner, the NCAA has violated federal law. There was a 1984 lawsuit brought by the Universities of Oklahoma and George against the NCAA for violating antitrust laws in the way they set up these television appearances. And do you know that the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the schools and said that the NCAA had violated federal law? And you want to go back to this association, which disregards the law, and say that we, as legislators, should subject ourselves to that institution? Why, man, that is facetious. This unjust system, Senator Haberman, I mean Senator Hefner, was not created by the players to enrich themselves, it was created by some exploitive adults, and it has