

contained the likelihood, the expectation of the large number of serious, even life-threatening injuries, OSHA would shut it down. OSHA would not tolerate allowing students to participate in an activity sponsored and supported by the university where you expect and plan for very serious injuries, when you have to wear equipment that tells you to expect injuries, flak jackets, braces, drugs to shoot up players who have so much pain that without those drugs they cannot set foot on the field and play. This is a hellish activity for the young men who participate and they are praised and lionized and taken advantage of, as young people easily can be done by older people who stroke their egos and make them think that it ought to be enough for you to have people honor you for a few moments. But, as for us, the coach, the athletic director, the associates, the trainers, the doctors, the sports writers, all of those acknowledged in this resolution, you know what their attitude is? If you don't pay me, I don't play, I do what I do because I am paid, and if you stop paying me, I will not do it. When you have ministers in churches, they preach because they are paid. Money is donated to Mother Teresa and her activities. Do you know when money becomes tainted and evil? Only when we talk about giving a share of it to the young men who generate millions of dollars for these universities by risking their health. I do not fault those who brought the resolution. It gives me an opportunity to speak on an issue which is a cause with me. It is so much a cause that I have kept articles down through the years dealing with the way this activity...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...has been dealt with, namely, paying players. I had said, almost a decade ago, I imagine, maybe a few years more or less, that I'm going to fight for this idea because it's right, and I was ridiculed by people all over the country. I said what's going to happen is that some old white man who has been against this idea is suddenly going to come around and see the truth of it and say this ought to be done, then he's going to be given credit as though he had fought for the idea from the beginning. That has almost happened. An old gentleman named Walter Beyers (phonetic), who was head of the NCAA for 36 years and fought strenuously against any consideration for the players, turned around a few days ago and said, now they must be paid, and he is writing a book for which he will get probably hundreds of thousands of dollars, talking about the wrongful way the NCAA has treated these players. I