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not virtually. I don't want to misrepresent that. Half empty. How am I to be convinced, and anybody else, that the people in this Legislature care about these players? We have to do something which it is within our power to do. And as politicians, the strongest tool we have is legislation. I handed out this thick packet,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...knowing that people probably would not read it. But the information is there, to show the laws that have been enacted by this Legislature that have pushed the NCAA to change. What a lot of women on this floor, what a lot of men on this floor, what a lot of people don't know is that the NCAA didn't even begin to take cognizance of female sports until 1980. And you know what made them do it? In Divisions II and III, women's track teams started putting on championship tournaments. The NCAA saw an interest on the part of television. Money came in. So they reached out and started governing women's athletics. But before that, never. The NCAA is strictly money-driven. We are talking about economics and business here. And that's why I'm so insistent that we should do something. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers and Senator Connealy. Senator Friend, followed by Senators Maxwell, Schrock, Schimek.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you

SENATOR CUDABACK: And this is your third time, Senator. I'm sorry.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I seem a little narrowly focused here, but I'm going to go back to the federal aspect of what I feel like...that I think we need to address. And I...Senator Chambers, I understand your point. I think you're looking at it from the standpoint of this is an appropriate body to deal, you know, with the issues as far as this university, as far as this football team is concerned. I just don't know. I'm still a