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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is this a contagious disease?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So why not require those students to be subjected to the same thing as the other students who live in the dorms? I'm curious.

SENATOR BYARS: It...quite honestly, Senator, if I were living in an ideal world, I would like to make every single student that attends any kind of public institution to be inoculated. When it is the choice of the students to live in housing that is not...it's controlled rule-wise by the universities or the division of higher education, but it's a choice that's made by the students themselves. And I am trying, quite honestly, rather than to make it an overall mandate, to educate students as much as possible. And that would be my reason for not doing that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you see where the university says if it chose to provide information to the students, they would incur a cost of about \$50,000 per year?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what is the value derived from this educational process that would justify the university spending \$50,000 a year when we're talking about cutting muscle and bone from the university right now? Why put this on them? I'm curious.

SENATOR BYARS: The benefit is just extremely obvious, Senator. It's the ultimate cost in those students who would contract this disease that are survivors that need the medical attention, the cost to all of us in society of treating those illnesses. But more than that, it's the loss to a family of a child who contacts the disease and who so rapidly is taken from us.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator...

SENATOR BYARS: I think that cost is extremely worthwhile. And