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SENATOR BYARS: I wouldn't have the slightest idea.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Had you ever inquired, not to get names, but from those who might keep statistics on such things?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Chambers, your light is next. This will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I know. Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Byars, I can understand what you're trying to do. Whenever there is a serious problem confronting society, people who want the best for society will try to find a way to address it. There can be differences of opinion as to how to address it, even among people who agree that the threat is there and that something ought to be done about it. This is the approach you decided to take. And I'm just wondering how effective it's going to be, and that's why I'm asking these questions. And I will tell you why I've gotten on this bill in the way that I have. I don't want the public to ever be given the impression that the Legislature has done something to address an issue when in reality what the Legislature puts into law does not address it at all. It would be better to do away with all this talk of vaccinations and waivers, and just say that the university shall dispense this information, which shall contain a recommendation that people get vaccinated. Then it's clear to everybody that all we are doing is expressing a hope, trying, through education, to alert people to the existence of the problem and how it may be addressed. But if a bill is enacted which is trumpeted, whether by you or the media or anybody else, as addressing this problem when in reality it doesn't, I think a disservice has been performed. Although I asked questions about mandating the vaccination, I would not support that. And if that were before us, I would give my reasons; but since it's not, I don't have to take the time on that. Why could not this bill be converted into a requirement that this information be given and that, among other things, it must contain information