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words "shall provide" detailed information on the risks associated with this disease and the availability and effectiveness of any vaccine, period, isn't that enough? And we can get rid of all this appearance of mandating that these people be vaccinated. Why would that not be enough? Require that the postsecondary educational institution give the information. Then you don't put a person in a position of saying, I have to declare myself indigent, I don't have any money, I want to get this free vaccination. And maybe people will. But I'm not convinced that this is the approach that ought to be taken. Now I think you've had enough time to read and consider what I mentioned. Why would that not be enough?

SENATOR BYARS: My...the beginning...I think the beginning probably would...I could live with. It would be an improvement. Are you implying then...you're eliminating the language in...from line 9 through line 12, which I think is necessary because of some issues relative to guardianship and relative to majority.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I'm eliminating everything from the bill except what I read. This that I'm going to read would be the only thing in this bill: "Every postsecondary educational institution shall provide detailed information on the risks associated with meningococcal disease and the availability and effectiveness of any vaccine." That's all that the bill would say.

SENATOR BYARS: No, I don't think I can accept that. I...it is my...then we're mandating again. And I don't think you give students an opportunity for a waiver. You take all of the waiver language off of that. It's...this bill is not meant...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, you're not following me. There would be nothing about vaccination, period. I would eliminate all of the language that preceded that. I would eliminate all of the language that follows it. And what I read is the only thing that would be in this bill, the giving of this information. While you're chewing on that, let me ask you a question. How many vaccines are there which are effective in the prevention of this disease?