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relinquishing my time...oh. I will continue, because somebody is coming to my rescue.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This, I know, seems like an innocuous little bill, but it is not. It is one of those things which need not be done, and which ought not be done. If the purpose is to educate, and you're talking about those on a university campus, you don't have to hold a club in the right hand and put a piece of paper in front of them in the left hand, and say, if you don't read this paper I'm going to bash you in the head. But what the person doesn't understand is that the hand holding the club is attached to an arm which is paralyzed and cannot deliver the blow. But the club has such a threatening aspect that the person believes that the blow will be struck, and sees only the mandated vaccination. Maybe subsequent discussion with somebody makes it clear that there is no mandate. But the person who had been misled has gone through whatever mental discomfort accompanies having been misled. The body may decide that it wants to do this. But it's pointless. If we were dealing with something other than a serious disease that we can create a panic about, it would be different. This bill is not going to mandate a vaccination. I have told Senator Byars that I will accept what he says is the purpose of the bill, which is to educate. So we ought to limit the bill to that purpose. But there wouldn't be the necessity, perhaps, of passing a bill to mandate it, if we made these schools know that we want them to include this information to the students. I don't know why a bill of this kind is necessary. But if it is, and it's felt that the university, or these postsecondary educational institutions, including the private ones, will not give the information, let the bill limit itself to mandating the education, which is what Senator Byars says he's interested in. Let me ask Senator Byars a couple of questions, because perhaps I did not understand him.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars, would you yield?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, I will.