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SENATOR STUHR: Not that I'm aware of.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you're right. It isn't. It's interesting we're talking about these option students. Are you aware that there's a play in football called the option?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now, when an exception is to be made in the case of these option students, the thing driving that exception is the athletes. Isn't that the fact? It's the athletic participation that brought us to where we are, talking about a 90-day rule, and trying to put something in statute? Isn't that true?

SENATOR STUHR: Not necessarily. As I showed the entire list of all the extracurricular activities,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, I know that. But...

SENATOR STUHR: You know, people do change because of music opportunities...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But...but Senator Stuhr,...

SENATOR STUHR: ...and such. But...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that's what the NCAA and all these others say. But I know, if you don't, that coaches were squabbling about one coach stealing players from his school by telling that player to become an option student. And under the law, you cannot be treated differently when you come to my school from a student who is enrolled here, and you can participate immediately. You weren't aware of that dispute?

SENATOR STUHR: I mean, that's going on now?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Were you aware of that?

SENATOR STUHR: Is that what you're saying?