

Senator Chambers. We are discussing the attempt to raise LR 225. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I support Senator Kilgarin's motion to raise this bill from committee, however, there are parts of the resolution with which I don't agree. One of them would be the appointment of the Board of Regents. But the bill has to be brought to the floor before that can be done. I think there have been many instances where the University has been derelict in responding to the Legislature. I think it has shown wanton contempt as far as responding to requests for information. The reason it can do so because the Legislature has no real oversight with reference to how money is spent. I have had some dealings with the University myself that have left a very bad taste in my mouth. I had asked them, in September, to give me some information relative to the number of athletes who had scholarships lifted and to give me the reasons for lifting those scholarships. I directed the request to President Roskins. He then told me that Regent Schwartzkopf wanted to deal with it because they had set up a committee dealing with matters of that nature. Regent Schwartzkopf called me and promised me the information. I didn't get it from President Roskins. I did not get it from Regent Schwartzkopf. I got it from nobody. I made frequent calls to the University and was always assured that I'd get the information. When a legislative committee hearing came into being...I'm going to ask you guys right here to give me a break.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Order in the Chamber please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I can usually hear myself talk, but they were going so loud I couldn't. Usually it doesn't make me that much difference, but it was just beyond what I could take this time. So when we had the committee hearing that I needed the information for, the person from the University, speaking against my proposition, sat there reading the information and I didn't get the letter containing that information until a day or two after the hearing. President Roskins was full of apologies. I haven't heard