

gone to Yale but an agreement was made. I have not gone to Yale either. I went to Creighton University...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...where it took them four years to find out that a basketball player couldn't read beyond the second grade level because that is when his eligibility expired. I went to that school. But I do know this, if an agreement was made, it binds only those who are parties to it and I was not a party to this.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We are talking about a moral issue. We are talking about those for whom the state has a primary obligation to assist. We are talking about the fundamental duty of the state once a state comes into existence and that is through its collective efforts and means to help those who are unable to help themselves. But because of all the posturing and the agreements and the deals and the power struggle going on now, the state is being asked to abdicate its responsibility. I hope you will look through all of that and adopt this amendment and exempt this program if you don't exempt any others.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, do you wish to speak on the Chambers amendment?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, five days ago one senator stood up and opposed the five-day recess. This senator said, we will be right back to square one. This won't work. It won't get done. Then when it came time to vote, this same senator voted, yes, to go ahead and have the recess. You know why he did that? And he did that, he said, because this body has integrity. Now for you 20 to 22 senators who are new in this body, I would like to tell you a little story about what happened three years ago. We had a bill three years ago that was a 25-vote bill. That is all she had and that is all they were ever going to get for that bill. It was multibank holding. Multibank holding was on Final Reading. A senator made an error in an amendment and that senator got up on this floor and he said, I made an error, I would like to trust the integrity of this body to bring that bill back, correct my error and trust you to send the bill back to Final Reading. And do you know