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By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A bill apparently aimed at muzzling the University of Mississippi's Dr. James Silver was introduced Tuesday in the Mississippi house.

The measure, by Rep. Jim Mathis of Leake county, would ban political activities by college professors.

Mathis said it was designed to protect professors and other employes of the state college board.

Dr. Silver, who has been attacked three times by legislators in recent weeks, has been openly critical of the state's racial policies in addresses at out-of-state colleges.

Calls for his ouster have been made by Sen. Corbett Patridge of Schlater and Rep. Malcolm Marby of Coahoma county.

The bill notes that professors and other employes of the college board retain the right to

vote and ~~express~~ private opinions on all political subjects.

It says they would also continue to air their views consistent with academic freedom.

But, it adds, "no person employed by the board. . . shall engage in political activities of any kind, either directly or indirectly." CL 4/1/64