

the professional teams are literally drooling for him, and in his fourth year the devil comes and claims his knees, and he cannot play anymore, the school gives him nothing, he has no career in the pros and people forget him as soon as his jersey is taken off. I think this is immoral, I think it is unethical. And even if this amendment were adopted and pay was given to the players and the school's program was suspended, that would be better as far as giving a message in terms of what we value in this state than letting the young men be exploited by everybody just so that they can play what ought to be a game but in reality is a life and death business. Now, should I go into my close?

SPEAKER BARRETT: We have other lights on, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would Senator Chambers yield to a question?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Does this amendment include the UN-O football players?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, it doesn't.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Why not?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because the UN-O football team does not generate the revenue that the UN-L team does, and the UN-O program is supported and subsidized through tax money. What I am offering is based on the fact that the UN-L football team generates the revenue from which the players would be paid.

SENATOR LABEDZ: How about the Nebraska basketball players?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't think, right now, their program generates enough revenue to support itself either, and a lot of these athletic programs are supported with revenue from the football program. So, not only are the players in football improving the image of the school and helping the state in all