

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, and Senator Johnson, I'm going to leave you alone now. But if the body is not concerned about this man stealing \$600,000, maybe they are concerned when they find out that he caused two of Nebraska's basketball players, for a period of time, to lose their eligibility, because he purportedly gave them loans with which they purchased some cars from Misle, and the loans supposedly were legally valid, because the paperwork is there, interest rates are to be charged, but there was a violation of NCAA rules because the interest rates are lower than market. Under NCAA rules, that is what's known as a special benefit to an athlete that is not available to others. It's kind of interesting that this young athlete, named Farmer, was working at Misle, and it was at Misle Chevrolet that he met this mysterious person, named Peery, because Misle Chevrolet has funneled...people at Misle have illegally funneled money to football players for the University of Nebraska in a number of instances, have given money to an individual to give to the players when they were in Las Vegas. So all of these things have been done, can be and will be documented, and we're not to be concerned. Well, forget the \$600,000, that would be given to somebody as a payoff for doing the work that somebody wants them to do. He just went about getting it in the wrong way and at the wrong time. But think about your athletes. The university had to turn themselves in because people told the basketball coach that these two players had new cars. Maybe if nobody had seen the cars, or called it to the coaches attention in a way that he could not deny it, then there would have been no investigation as they called it. So the coach talked to Peery twice. He didn't know the man. Told him that the NCAA is going to investigate, give them all the papers that they need, which, according to Coach Nee, was done. Because the university cooperated so well, and also because they're a jewel in the crown of the NCAA, bring in a lot of money during the football season because of television appearances, their bowl appearances, and they can be held out as a team that has a clean program, the NCAA was so pleased that they lifted the eligibility for these two players, but they restored it to one of them in time to play in the tournament. And it was a