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employment by the university and thereby they become state employees, the public has a right to know the source and the amounts of all outside income. I am particularly disturbed by the fact that, if an athlete gets a biscuit and a chicken wing, he or she can lose eligibility to participate, based on NCAA rules. But those same NCAA rules allow the athletes to be exploited for the benefit of the NCAA. You will see athletes on television commercials, promoting the NCAA. You will see them hawking various items for sale to benefit the NCAA. But a few years ago, when a popular male athlete at UNL, a popular female athlete at UNL allowed their likenesses to be used on a calendar that would be sold to benefit a charity, and the athletes would get not one red cent, or one thin dime, their eligibility was brought into question. Also, when a female was coaching there women's basketball team at UNL, the endorsements and promotional fees were not available. When a man takes over that all changes. I don't know how much he gets paid for having these various entities sponsor his program and pay him for advertising for them. But, because of the large amounts of money involved, this amendment, I think, is very appropriate. Some people, including myself I'll admit, have thought that these coaches did have to make such financial disclosures. Since such is not the case, this amendment would remedy that oversight in the law. If you have any questions, I will answer them. I'm sure that there is no reason why employees of the state should be shielded from disclosing these huge amounts of outside income.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Before we proceed, Senator Brown... Senator Redfield announces the following guests are visiting the Legislature: 23 fourth graders from Mt. Calvary Lutheran School, in Omaha, and their teacher (introduced teacher). If you would rise, they're located in the north balcony, we would like to recognize you. Thank you. In addition, Senator Wehrbein would like to announce that 21 fourth graders from Nebraska City Lourdes are here, also located in the north balcony with their teacher (introduced teacher). If you would rise, we'd like to welcome you to the Nebraska Legislature. Discussion on the Chambers amendment to LB 417? Senator Chambers, would you like to close on your amendment? Senator Chambers waives closing. The motion before us is the adoption of the Chambers amendment to LB 417. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Senator Chambers.