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in its broadest form, we wouldn't even be allowed to do that. Certainly that would violate our First Amendment rights, so we're making a special exception in that area, and you'll hear more about that. Senator Quandahl and I have sponsored an amendment which we think clarifies that area a little bit. There is a section in the bill that deals with conflicts of interest when a contract is entered into between a business and someone who is serving on the board. There are two sets of rules that are applicable to slightly different groups of people, although they overlap in a large extent. It makes clear which set of rules you're supposed to follow if you're one of those officials who is contracting with an entity and you serve on the board. Those are the principle areas that the bill concerns, Mr. President. Senator Chambers, when we moved off the bill, had a pending amendment and then, as I've indicated, there are two subsequent amendments that are filed, one by Senator Quandahl and myself concerning what members of the Legislature might do and...with regard to communications with constituents on ballot issues, and then the second deals with schools and what we would expect of members of school boards in terms of financial disclosure.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham, for bringing us up-to-date on LB 242. Mr. Clerk, next item to the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend with FA165. (Legislative Journal page 1354.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your amendment to LB 242.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is an amendment about which I am serious. I want to make it clear I have no objection to the bill, I'm not fighting against the bill, but I would like to have this amendment adopted. As I state, it's an amendment to the committee amendment, not to the bill. If you would look at page 2 of your committee amendment, in line 14, you see underlined material, "A member of a school board". I am adding "and University of Nebraska at Lincoln Head Football Coach". Members of the Legislature, this man gets a very hefty salary.