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on AM1624. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, I will confess that it is with some misgivings that I will rise and support Senator Chambers' amendment. I understand the point that he's making, and I think to a large extent that point is valid. We do have individuals who are in the employ of the state and they, unlike other persons who are in situations where they have extensive outside interests but great responsibilities within their jobs, there is no public disclosure of their financial interest. Now I want to emphasize that they make a...that they do not make a disclosure which is a public disclosure. If you recall the last time we discussed this issue, I was asking whether or not these kinds of individuals that are suggested to you by Senator Chambers might not have to make some report to the NCAA because, of course, as a regulatory agency to ensure integrity within the sports it came to my thoughts immediately that they had to...someone was surely interested in how much money these folks were making in terms of outside contracts, outside incomes, et cetera. That turns out to be the case. And in fact, it's my understanding that the financial reports that these kinds of individuals file with the NCAA are more detailed than the report that they would have to file with our Accountability and Disclosure Commission. The difference between the reports that they file with the NCAA and any report that they might file with the Accountability and Disclosure Commission is that the reports filed with the NCAA are confidential. So Senator Chambers is correct that that is not a source of information to the public at large about the financial interests of these individuals and the outside income that they might earn in part by reason of their position at the University of Nebraska. The issue of whether or not we should have lists of individuals or positions in our statutes is a little bit more troubling to me. My initial preference would have been to somehow find a way to include these individuals and similarly situated individuals within the rule and regulation making process for the Accountability and Disclosure Commission. I was frustrated in my efforts to find that kind of an overriding principle without throwing what we call out in my country a very wide loop. And after realizing that I did not want to catch almost everybody in the employ of the university within the accountability laws, I