

force the athletes to do. Let's get rid of some of the hypocrisy, kill this bill, and although we have a bad system, let's not make it worse. I am in favor of Senator Fenger's motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think Senator Beutler went through the history of this bill and I think it indicates quite clearly, this is not piecemeal. This is not a spur of the moment type of a proposal that has come to you. In fact, it went through a long hearing process this summer. It was seriously considered by a number of senators in cooperation with the Accountability and Disclosure Commission. It was drafted carefully. It was put before you. There are amendments to the bill but we expected that because this is a very touchy area and something that needs to be carefully debated. Nevertheless, the bill is solid. It is based on research. It has got before you, I think the basic concepts that most of us can agree to and when we talk about this bill and we talk about what Senator Chambers was talking about, we are talking about image of this body in the State of Nebraska and what people think of us as members of the Legislature as their representatives and I would say to you, if we did adopt the Fenger motion and that would be to kill this bill, I think the image of this Legislature would be dropped significantly another notch yet, in the minds of the people of this state. They would again feel that their concern, which I think they expressed clearly, substantially, and loudly this last summer and fall about some concerns that came out in the papers. I think it was clear, the public sentiment on that issue. If we turn our backs on the people at this point can you imagine their reaction? And I think their reaction is going to be adverse and I think this Legislature is going to look terribly bad and I think just on that point alone it should be of concern to you that we proceed with this bill, amend it as we need to and advance and support and pass this legislation. Beyond that, let's talk about the real merits and the philosophical questions involved with this legislation and that is basically this. Should people in office be getting campaign contributions that they can then turn into their own personal benefit and personal use? And I think when we talk philosophically, I doubt very many of you can argue for that position. I would think not because as far as I am concerned it is right next to bribery, because when you are talking about getting money and you are using it for yourself, I don't see too much of a distinction and I have always felt that way and that is why I have supported the bill and reintroduced it. So philosophically I