

always slickers come to town and can take advantage of young people like this and their parents who are unsophisticated in matters of contracts and eligibility, even on the team, that kind of thing. During the winter one of the books I've been reading is the Shirley Temple autobiography. Now if anybody is listening they are going to say, what is she talking about Shirley Temple for? Poor little rich girl. Poor little rich girl was not rich when she started in the movies. Her parents were simple, not wealthy people. Her father had a minor job in a branch bank in Hollywood. They weren't wealthy. They were not sophisticated. They did not understand what unscrupulous agents were doing to her and it's most illuminating in the chapter about the contract fights that we went through, the very thing that I'm talking about, that her father did not understand the financial side of it. They lost money for her which eventually, of course, she recouped, but they went through a lot of contract fights after she had been in a lot of crummy little movies that, before she hit it big. So there is a parallel and my big reason as I started out, my big reason for speaking is the need to help these young men and women to resist and not be trapped by the unscrupulous agent who can fool them and their parents into signing some contract that will not be good for them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, followed by Senator Ashford.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support this bill. I am a co-sponsor of it. I've been very interested in this type of legislation for a number of years. I remember that Senator McFarland came before the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee years ago before he was elected a state senator, and I commend him for this because he is a strong believer and I realize, Senator McFarland, that you and I are not always on the same side, but this time you are right and I'll be the first one to say that. But this bill, this bill is intended to help protect our college athletes from unscrupulous agents and as the years go on we have more and more of them. The college athletic programs in our state are well-known nationally. Nebraska has an excellent reputation for producing very competitive college athletes. This bill, I feel, is a method to help protect and maintain our status. If we do not provide adequate protection for our athletes, I feel that our athletic program will suffer. I, along with many others in our state, are proud of our college athletes. Any harm done to the