

So if we were merely trying to preserve eligibility of certain athletes we would not have this provision in there about noneligible student athletes. The goal of the bill is more encompassing and is not, as Senator Chambers mischaracterizes it, only a bill to preserve eligibility. If you take a look at Section 21 on page 14, Senator Chambers made the mischaracterization that someone who played for Oklahoma...or was in Oklahoma, played for UCLA and happened to play a game in Nebraska would be the subject of this act for jurisdictional purposes. That an agent who signed an agreement with that type of athlete, who may play for UCLA, live in Oklahoma but merely played in a game, that that conduct would be covered. But if you look at it it says a student athlete or noneligible athlete, if you turn back to the definitions how is student athlete or noneligible athlete defined, it is defined as an athlete who resides in Nebraska and participates in sports through an institution of higher learning in our state. So it wouldn't apply to that situation. You have all kinds of these kinds of distortions about it. I would just say in closing that the last thing that there are more than two players a year who turned professional in our state. We've had baseball players, recently we had a young man in Omaha who signed a contract with the Baltimore Oriole's, he was a first choice in the draft. We had all kinds of things like that, and as a result there are lots of athletes in Nebraska who sign professional sports representation agreements, baseball, basketball, football. I think the one year, I think last year there were probably about eight or nine players from Nebraska's football team who eventually signed professional contracts. Not all of them make the teams, not all of them are good enough to play in the NFL, but there are a lot of them that have sports agents that represent them. Likewise with baseball, likewise with some of the basketball players. We've had over the years numerous athletes who have been represented by sports agents, and it is more than just the one or two a year. The one or two a year maybe are the more highly publicized ones, but there are a lot of athletes from Nebraska who sign free agent contracts, who try out with baseball teams or football teams, they need that type of representation, too. So the scope is broader in coverage. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, you have a motion up. Do you want to take that up, or do...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.