

Mr. President. (See pages 1011-12 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: We will move on then to LB 224. Where were we yesterday, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 224 was discussed yesterday by the Legislature. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9, referred to Judiciary. The bill was advanced to General File. As you indicated, Mr. President, the bill was debated yesterday. The first motion I have to the bill is by Senator McFarland. Senator McFarland would move to suspend the rules, specifically Rule 6, Section 3; Rule 7, Section 3, and vote on the advancement without further amendment or debate.

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. President. As you will all recall, yesterday we spent considerable time on this bill. There was a motion to kill that failed. There were two additional motions that failed. There are additional motions pending, and I suspect if we take this bill up today with all those motions, we will spend today and possibly tomorrow and the next day on it. My feeling on the bill, it is a good concept. The bill was in committee. It was advanced out. We heard all the testimony on it. We have revised this bill to take care of some of the concerns that were mentioned in the committee on previous hearings, and it seems to me appropriate that if there are any amendments to be offered that they should have been offered earlier, either in the committee hearing, or that they should have been offered and presented and filed in the Journal and not be written up on the yellow legal pad and submitted one after another. The bill is designed to protect athletes, and it is designed to help them. I am not here to debate all the issues of college sports and professional sports in general. I am not here to debate how athletes are treated in other areas, and I am not here to debate whether Jarvis Redwine wears a flak jacket. I am here to debate the issue of whether sports agents should be regulated in the State of Nebraska, and whether that regulation will have a positive benefit on the young men and women who are athletes who sign professional contracts and need the services of sports agents. If there are technical amendments, I would be glad to discuss them with Senator Chambers, would be glad to review them with him. As a matter of