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LB 280

PRESIDENT: Is there any discussion? If not, the question is the adoption of the Lamb amendment? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote if you care to. Please vote. Please vote. I still need a little help. Thank you. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Lamb's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Lamb amendment is adopted. Senator Hartnett, you had...

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the bill.

PRESIDENT: Very good. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is late Thursday and the issue that I'm going to bring up is one that's been very dear to my heart ever since I've been in the Legislature and this is the amendment. Any person who competes in the sport of football for the University of Nebraska at Lincoln shall be paid a stipend, the amount of which shall be determined by the university. This provision shall become operative whenever laws requiring a similar stipend for football players are enacted in four additional states which are members of the Big Eight Conference. This is a provision that I think is very appropriate at this time because there are NCAA conferences that are going to come up. There are going to be hearings before the U.S. Congress on the treatment of athletes in big time athletic programs which are multimillion dollar entertainment businesses. And part of the problem that will confront athletes is the fact that being unable to hold a job during the time that school is in session they have practically no legitimate way to obtain money. So I'm offering this amendment in order to help fill in that void.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Mr. President, I would ask a ruling from the Chair whether this is germane to LB 280.

PRESIDENT: Offhand it doesn't look like it's germane. Senator Chambers.