

about due process, equal protection of the law, all these concepts and apply them to other students and assure them rights, but not the athlete. The athlete, the revenue-generating athletes do something that nobody else connected with an institution of higher learning will do, and in the case of Nebraska, Oklahoma, and the other football factories, they are institutions of higher earning, they generate revenue rather than consume it. They generate revenue rather than consume it. Twelve million dollars, twelve million dollars in less than a year, they give countless hours of joy and pleasure and sense of being and self to people in this state. We don't want to pay them for that, but any other student at that university can be on a work-study program. The athlete cannot. Can accept money from anybody in any amount, even if you are on scholarship, the athlete cannot. Can be required to spend more time outside the classroom than in it on nonacademic work, they cannot put that requirement on any of you, but on the athlete they do. If there is a conflict between practice and a course that the athlete wants to take, the course has to be dropped so that practice can be attended. They couldn't do that to any of you. These athletes have been cut out as a group and put aside for every manner of discriminatory unfair treatment. You would not dream of applying NCAA rules across the board on all these other students. The injustice of it would immediately be seen and the students themselves would be in an uproar. But since we have these players who are risking serious injury, life threatening injury, permanently enabling...unabling, disabling injuries, they get nothing. They don't have to...if a student falls down the stairs because he or she is careless, they just tell you to be careless, but...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...for an athlete, they build flak jackets so when they have broken ribs they can still play. They build lightweight splints so if they have broken fingers or broken wrists or twisted muscles, they can still play. They have heavy drugs that they can inject into joints and muscles so that when undergoing excruciating pain, they can still play. If you look at the equipment they wear and the rules that are enforced, it is an inherently life threatening dangerous game and some helmet makers have gone out of the business because of the large losses brought against them as a result of football sustained injuries. These players die participating in this activity, and after all of these things are made known, we are going to say that federal