

discriminate against these players in the granting of aid that is available to all other students. That discrimination is admitted by the university. The university, in a letter to Senator McFarland, has put in writing their admission of this discrimination and I sent a copy of that to the Department of Education yesterday. The Legislature, as a result of this discussion, knows about the discrimination. Nobody has refuted the discrimination. Next, if the Legislature refuses to act on this bill to prohibit the discrimination, the Legislature as a state, acting for the state, condones the discrimination, ratifies the discrimination and supports it. Then an argument could be given in general terms about the overemphasis on football in this state. The Legislature, knowing that its young people are being discriminated against at the university, are so locked into the football mentality, the football win-at-all-costs syndrome, that it will allow discrimination that it knows about to occur. It's kind of ironic that we just dealt with LB 465 because it also is an antidiscrimination bill dealing with those who have AIDS. The Legislature has an obligation to enact antidiscrimination legislation.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Even Senator McFarland, or I should say also Senator McFarland acknowledges the discrimination as existing. What additional argument is needed? The only thing that anybody could offer against this bill is the idea that even if discrimination is necessary to make the Nebraska football program go, discrimination against these students is the price that has to be paid. And never again can anybody say that Nebraska does not have the win-at-all-cost mentality. There are not other schools around the country who say they favor a formalized practice of discrimination in order to win. Now they might practice it but they don't come out as blatantly as those people at Nebraska who are speaking against this bill would be doing. So if they persuade enough of you to vote against this bill to defeat it, naturally I would bring it back. But since there is a national discussion under way now about the discriminatory activities, and I handed you an article from the Chronicle of Higher Education related to this very subject,...

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Time is up, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the discussion will not be terminated...