

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What time is it? It's eleven thirty-three, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: That was not a question, Senator Chambers. Thank you. Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, Senator Chambers said to me yesterday, Arlene, how's come you're so quiet today? I did a little of my homework over last evening and now I suppose Senator Chambers wishes I would keep quiet. But I heard this bill in Judiciary Committee, too. It is very complicated and I am not saying in any one sense of the word that Senator Chambers has not presented it very well and that there is a problem with the Pell Grants. And I wondered what brought this on and trying to understand where we're at. And I don't think that there is hardly anyone else in the body that maybe understands it any better than I, excepting maybe Senator McFarland and Senator Chambers. So, in visiting yesterday when a group of us went to Omaha, and so on, I realized that there was a lot of misunderstanding and that the senators were not exactly sure of what we were doing on this bill and how we would be...would or would not be jeopardizing the university. For the record, in the Judiciary Committee I did choose not to vote because at that time I felt like I didn't know enough probably as many times. What I found out is that this bill somewhat goes back to Jerry Tarkanian of the University of Nevada and they're having trouble with the NCC...or the NCAA, but also by their troubles and their problems, I'm afraid that we are going to penalize the University of Nebraska by the rules and regulations of the NCAA and maybe get ourselves into something deeper than what we as a body realize that we're doing. I think that by passing this bill at this point we would be making public policy that, at least for myself, and I think a lot of us do not fully understand the implications of this bill. And to put the program under the sanction of the NCAA at this time, in effect, I'm afraid that we would be hurting the university. And let me make this point to you. At this time, we're not under that sanction and our boys are not perfect. None of us are perfect. I'm not saying that our football boys would have some of the same problems that the University of Oklahoma has encountered but we could very well have those same kind of problems and then we would be sanctioned against us and also we could lose bowl games, we could lose many, many things, as all of you know, in