

very well in the letter that Senator Chambers distributed yesterday. It was a letter to him by the Athletic Director, Bob Devaney. And Coach Devaney said in the letter, and I'm reading directly from it, he says, both Coach Tom Osborne and I are in agreement that the athletes should get the full Pell Grant. The problem is that we will have to get NCAA approval which a lot of Division 1(a) schools are trying to get done. I might add that Nebraska has been trying to get the NCAA rules changed on that issue. This is the problem and the uncertainty that Coach Devaney refers to. He says, Senator Chambers, we are trying to put pressure on the NCAA during the next meeting but there appears to be a lot of opposition. I, personally, agree with you that we should be able to help the college athletes more than we do, but our problem is to try to work through the NCAA to avoid serious sanctions that would badly cripple our athletic department. That's the dilemma that this bill would place the university in. The university and the athletic department do not agree with the NCAA rules. As a matter of fact, they're trying to change the NCAA rules. This bill, if passed will put state law in direct opposition to NCAA rules. It will set up a lawsuit. If we knew the results of the lawsuit and we knew that Nebraska and the university and the athletic department would not be subject to sanctions from the NCAA,...

SENATOR HANNIBAL: One minute.

SENATOR McFARLAND: ...it would...I would wholeheartedly endorse the legislation and say pass it. But I have to confess reservations because I don't know what would be the effect and what would be the consequences. It seems to me there are two things that I would like to see done. One, I would like to see some kind of thorough legal analysis done on what would be the consequences of passage of this law. Perhaps we could get the university legal counsel to do it, or perhaps a law professor. Senator Chambers asked me who would be a good person to do it. There is a professor at Duke University who has done a lot of sports law work, who I know is an authority in the area. There are others.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Time.

SENATOR McFARLAND: And the other thing, I suppose, is what Senator Nelson suggested, is that the interim study could be done. I know it would prolong it a year. I am uncomfortable that some athletes may be affected this year if we delay it