

appropriate, what would not be appropriate, trying to determine my own vote on this issue.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR McFARLAND: I plan to vote for the amendment. I am not...then I am trying to determine whether I am going to vote to advance the bill to Select File or not. I am apprehensive about it. I don't think there is any disagreement as to whether the problem exists. I think there is agreement in the Legislature, there was certainly an agreement in the Judiciary Committee, and there's certainly an agreement with the university and the Athletic Department that this situation under the present NCAA rules is unfair, particularly to some of the nonscholarship athletes who are trying to participate in the sports program and may have to forego some financial assistance in order to do that. The question is, how do you best remedy that? Do you remedy it by passing a bill making it a confrontation? Do you remedy it by perhaps having an interim study trying to resolve it? Do you remedy it by advancing it and having a thorough legal study before Select File.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR McFARLAND: There are a lot of alternatives and maybe we can discuss it further.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and members, I rise in support of Senator Chambers amendment and the bill. One thing I have noticed has been lacking is input from the NCAA. Everyone here, Senator Chambers has made the case. The university has acknowledged, Senator McFarland has acknowledged that there is a bad situation exists here, that some people are being discriminated against, and the NCAA simply sits back in their little ivory tower and smiles down upon us and refuses to participate in this process. I would bet money that they knew this bill was coming up in Nebraska and they knew this bill was having a hearing in Nebraska, but they didn't see any importance in sending a representative from their group to testify one way or another on the bill. We must have their input on this if we are going to solve this dilemma. One way to do it, and in my mind a good way to do it, is to adopt Senator Chambers amendment so it can become a point of discussion in the next NCAA