

discipline students for unlawfully using steroids. The amendments for the committee are fairly extensive. It prescribes that all anabolic steroids are hereby declared to be controlled substances. It provides that they be dealt with in the health and education section of the particular statutes that we have. It talks about a process whereby if a teacher or coach is found to have administered, delivered or dispensed or knowingly allow a subordinate employee or student to administer steroids that they would be subject to a suspension from their employment, and also it provides for any...for student suspensions, if a student is found using anabolic steroids, that they would be suspended initially from participating in any extracurricular activities for not more than 30 consecutive days for the first offense and then for a second or subsequent offense that they may be barred from participation in such activities for any period of time the institution deems appropriate pursuant to the written policy of the institution. In the committee hearing we had before Judiciary, there were a number of people who testified in support of the basic concept of the bill. We had Senator Hefner as the introducer, of course. We had Dr. Clare who is the orthopedic surgeon and physician for the University of Nebraska football team. We had Coach Tom Osborne. We had John Fisher from the State Board of Pharmacy Examiners. We had a number of other people, citizens and people concerned about drug use in society and it was really interesting to hear some of the testimony because, as you know, I have been in sports a lot, but I didn't realize the pervasiveness of steroid use, particularly as it is in today's sporting circles and also in the high schools and the colleges. I recall part of the testimony about the...Coach Osborne mentioned we have high school students who are not athletes who are using steroids, not because it will improve any athletic performance or make them stronger or anything, but because it makes them look bulkier and it makes them look more muscular and it is for an appearance purpose, and it is really a serious problem. I speak on behalf of the committee amendments. I think they clarify and improve the bill and I would urge you vote for the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. An amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hefner would move to amend the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner, please.