

sometimes run together down at the stadium, and I was talking to him. I said it was too bad that a bill, 159, like this that is up before the body has to be passed over because there is so much legislation pending and so we were thinking, is there something that we could use as 159 as a mechanism for some good legislation? And we thought about a number of bills. We discussed a number of them. One of them that we did discuss and that Senator Ashford and I agreed about was the sports agent bill that I have had before the Legislature for several years. This bill has been advanced out of Judiciary before. It was advanced last year on a vote of five to one and it is a bill that was sponsored by me. It is a bill to address the problem that we have had with sports agents in our state for several years. At the hearing last year, we had several people support it. Coach Osborne came down and supported the bill. Coach Devaney has been in support of it. We have had...Senator Hefner and Senator Chizek have been supportive of it. It is a bill that we advanced this year earlier on General File on a 26 to 10 vote. The debate took some time because at that time there were a number of amendments pending by Senator Chambers. At the present time, LB 224 is on Select File but it has 11 amendments pending. All of the amendments are amendments to strike portions of the bill. As I recall, I don't think any of the 11 amendments pending are amendments to add to the bill or contribute to the bill in any way. We had amended it on Select File to satisfy all the concerns that have been raised by...some had been raised by insurance company about just the language of the bond that's required and we addressed that concern. Some had been concerned about the misdemeanor penalty that was there. We addressed that concern. It is a bill that I don't know of anyone really objecting to at this time except primarily Senator Chambers. And so over the lunch hour when we ran we decided, rather than let 159 just be passed over, that it could be used as a vehicle for some good legislation and legislation that is needed. The bill, LB 224, just basically would create the Athlete Agents Registration Act and it would require sports agents who recruit athletes in Nebraska to register with the Secretary of State, to post a bond, to be subject to the regulations of the Secretary of State and to provide specific information about their business and to address all the problems that occur. Some of you may be aware that there have been recent problems with sports agents in Nebraska and I guess there was recent publicity about Colorado football players flying into Nebraska to be entertained and one of the Colorado players allegedly was...sexually assaulted a student or an 18-year-old