

woman here in Lincoln and there have been charges pending. The whole business of sports agents has been a very corrupt and troublesome business, particularly for athletes at Nebraska and also at other colleges within our state. So what I am proposing, I am sure you probably remember the debate we had on the bill, what I am proposing is to, in effect, strike all the provisions of 159, so-called gut the bill, and add the LB 224 to it. And I am having copies of the amendment...if you want to look at what LB 224, just look at it in your bill book. I have the Pages photocopying the amendment now and getting 60 copies, but it isn't back yet. I will be glad to distribute it. I expect it any minute, and I would appreciate your vote on it. I think it is a good bill. It's one the university supports. It's one that in the past has always been supported. I don't think we have had any really opponents ever testify against the bill. The only spokesperson who has really been against it has been Senator Chambers and he has had a long-standing policy against it. It is something that just come up today. It is rather abrupt. I would appreciate your help and I would yield the rest of my time to Senator Ashford.

PRESIDENT: Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, and members. Senator McFarland has worked for four years on this bill and he is going to be leaving the body at the end of this term, and we did have a conversation about this bill over lunch, and I mentioned to him that I had worked on this tort legislation for four years as well, and I know how hard it is to work on something so long and then not have it come to anything. I have an opportunity, if the voters return me here next year, to maybe talk about torts again. Senator McFarland will not have that opportunity for his sports agents bill. I think, also, Senator McFarland has had vast experience in this area. Could I have a gavel, Mr. President, please?

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Please, let's hold it down so we can hear the gentleman speak. Thank you.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Senator McFarland has the unique background, having been a pro football player, I think he is the only one in this body that was a pro football player, except for Senator Landis, that brief career...yeah, he tried and we all were behind him, but Senator McFarland has the unique perspective in this area. And the sports agent area is a matter, is an area