

He said he didn't think it would. Now, Senator Chambers and I had a brief discussion about the eleven amendments. I told him I did not agree with all of them. There were some, such as striking the intent language to the bill, which wouldn't have changed the substance of the bill, I thought we might have been able to work through, and if you strike the intent language, the bill is still...the substance of the bill is still the same. That and some other amendments would not have bothered me, but the other amendments where you are striking major sections of the bill I did not agree with. We visited briefly on it. My expectation was to visit again at some time if it came up. As I said, this particular proposal and thought did not occur to me until after I heard today at eleven-thirty that 159 was not going to advance. I just ask the courtesy of suspending the rules, allowing the amendment to come up as is, to adopt the Athlete Agents Registration Act. I think if you have talked to any of the people who advocated its passage, I think you see the need for it. It has been passed in a number of other states. It has been effective in a number of other states, and you may recall the recent publicity about Johnny Rogers, who was trying to recruit, apparently recruit an athlete in Houston, the Heisman Trophy winner of last year, and he apparently talked to his mother at the Heisman Award ceremonies, and the State of Texas has a bill similar to this, not identical, but similar, and they were able to say this is not appropriate trying to talk with an athlete if you are not registered in the State of Texas, which Johnny Rogers and his associates were not registered in Texas, and so they apparently fined him, as I understand it, \$10,000, or the company \$10,000, to try to bring this whole practice under some kind of regulation and control because it has caused a lot of athletes significant problems. They sign with sports agents. They jeopardize their eligibility. They end up losing a lot of money to some unscrupulous, very unscrupulous people. We have had that happen here in Nebraska. We have come dangerously close to having some athletes lose their eligibility. I think it is a good bill and we have had lots of people in support of it. I'd ask that you just suspend the rules, consider the bill, and, you know, vote it up or down on its merits at that time. LB 159 was not going anywhere, was going to be passed over. It seems to me that this is an appropriate way to use it to get some good legislation passed that may not have been considered otherwise. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. That was the closing and the question is the suspension of the germaneness rule. All those in favor vote