

from enforcing any NCAA rule that would require a football player, or basketball player, or any athlete to give up any need-based aid to which he or she is entitled as a condition to participating in any sport. When the bill was presented, there was some concern expressed about it by representatives from the university, because they had said, or the individual, Mr. O'Hanlon, had indicated that UNL has been trying to persuade the NCAA to change its rules with reference to this and other matters. They have a convention every January. And, since they're going to have another one in January of 1992, the committee determined that in order to give the university a stick to use and time to see if they could persuade the NCAA to make a change in its rules, we would put an operative date beyond the time when that convention would occur. Personally, I don't believe the NCAA has an intention to alter its rules. But they have become very sensitive to the fact that Legislatures, notably Nebraska's and also Congress are starting to look at the necessity of enacting legislation to protect these athletes. So, what this committee amendment would do, and I support it, is to set an effective date for this bill of February...Senator Wickersham, help me with this because it was your amendment. Is it February the 1st, 1992? That date will be February 1, 1992 as the effective date. So I ask that you vote in support of this committee amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there any other discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Chambers, you want to close on the committee amendments? Senator Chambers waives closing. We will now proceed to vote on the committee amendments to LB 69. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments are adopted. Now, we will proceed to the bill as amended. Senator Chambers, on the bill. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, an amendment was just put before me that is going to be offered on this bill, but I will discuss the bill first. I think I should put into the record precisely what the bill does so that it's clear. But, before I do that, this is a bill that was before us last year, there was very strong support for