

headlights. However, I hope that he will immediately perceive this to be a friendly amendment, and further we would suggest that the amendment has great merit in that it will reduce the workload of the senators in signing your names. And I'm sure if any of you have a name as long as mine, or like Bernard-Stevens, you'd certainly appreciate some relief in that regard. And, in addition, I believe it will reduce the Clerk's workload, and it also provides an adequate recognition, I think, of our service to this body that we would each receive a diamond on our ring for each year of service. Unless Senator Chambers wishes to respond to the amendment, I've been authorized to state that the freshmen have caucused and we withdraw our amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Okay. The amendment is withdrawn. We will now proceed to Senator Hefner on the bill. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose the advancement of this bill. I certainly don't think that we should be dealing with this. We realize that many groups need to be regulated, and our college athletics are regulated by the NCAA. And I don't follow the NCAA that bad to see whether they do a good job or a bad job. But, from what I hear, I believe they do a fair job. And so, if we want to have collegiate athletic teams why then we've got to abide by their rules. I don't think that this body, the Legislature, has any use in getting involved in something like this. I believe this would be a clear violation of the NCAA rules. And I'm sure they would put some sanctions against our college football team. Senator Chambers, I have a question to ask of you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Chambers, do you care whether we have a Nebraska football team?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How do you mean that question? You mean, do I want there to continue to be a football team at the university?

SENATOR HEFNER: A football team that can compete nationwide,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sure.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...go to bowl games,...