

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sure, and that's why I want this bill, because there are some players with the ability to play and they were on the team, but they had to get off the team because they were not allowed to accept the aid they needed to continue. The NCAA rule said, you choose between participating in the university's program or accepting the aid you need to go to school. So one young man, on a Regents scholarship, had to select the aid because he needed it to stay in school, so he was put off the team. I think that is grossly unjust, and we as the Legislature should not endorse that kind of activity.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you, Senator Chambers. If we feel that is wrong, and I agree with Senator Chambers to a certain extent. But I believe then we need to go to the NCAA and get them to change their rules. I don't believe that the legislative body is the way to go. And I don't want to...I don't want our football team to lose their status. I don't want them to have sanctions against them that they cannot appear on TV from time to time, they cannot go to bowl games, which I think they've been going to bowl games for many years, as many years as I can remember, especially since...especially in the Devaney-Osborne era, and I want it to continue that way. So I'm going to vote against the advancement of this bill. And I'd certainly urge this body to vote against it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Now Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I handed out some material last week, hoping some of you might have a chance to glance at it over the weekend. It's apparent that Senator Hefner did not look it over, because if he did he would see on page 7 of that handout an article featuring Dick Schultz, who is executive director of the NCAA. I mentioned the due process bill that this Legislature passed. There is other material in that handout which shows the number of states that immediately followed Nebraska's lead and considered similar legislation, and there are more states working on it this year, and a number of those bills will pass. There is legislation before the Congress, Senator Hefner, right now, because the NCAA won't do its job. But the paragraph I want you to pay attention to, if you have that handout, is on page 7 of that handout. Dick Schultz is talking about reviews of their policies that have to be undertaken. This is a direct quote from Schultz. "The purposes of the review are to make sure that we are doing