

SENATOR HEFNER: I don't know about that either.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And yet you would offer an amendment that says that these programs that we create should not apply to all students until four other states that have nothing to do with them adopt a law saying that we can enforce the laws we pass creating financial aid programs for our students.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Chambers, we can enforce the law, but what good does it do to enforce the law if we receive NCAA sanctions against us?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Members of the Legislature, this is one of the most ridiculous, outrageous amendments I have ever seen offered on this floor because it has nothing to do with anything other than to say, that when this Legislature creates financial aid programs, they cannot take effect and apply to students until four other states in the Big Eight say, all right, Nebraska, we agree. We are going to pass a law saying that the students in Nebraska ought to be entitled to get the financial aid that your law creates for them. That is crazy, and this is something that the university wants. It has nothing to do with this bill. The other bill talking about paying players does have a basis for carrying the type of amendment that Senator Hefner is asking for, and that is why I put it on the bill this time. That is to try to force action by the NCAA. This bill relates to the university imposing rules that prevent students from receiving aid...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...under programs created by this Legislature. And the academics are more important than the athletics, but remember this, this bill need never apply to the university when we pass it because all they have to do is stop enticing young men to this school when they don't have any aid to offer them. That will take care of that. But regardless of what the university does, regardless of what the NCAA threatens, we have enacted laws that created financial assistance programs for students, and our primary obligation is to make sure that there is no discrimination in the administration of those programs. Senator Hefner's amendment has nothing to do with this bill. It makes no sense whatsoever. I am going to oppose it. I hope the rest of you will. Then we can consider the amendment that Senator Beutler is about to offer.