

encouraged to make changes, once this bill is in place, because other states will begin to look at it, too. But, again, my concern is not with what the NCAA does, my concern is with our responsibility as legislators. If we are so afraid of the NCAA, I think we ought to abolish these aid programs, and we ought to say, rather than run the risk of being sanctioned by the NCAA, whose purpose is to make money by exploiting young men and women, we are not going to create any financial aid programs for needy students, then we don't have to worry about it. And we know that some students will not be able to go to school, but it is more important that Nebraska be able to participate in football than that needy students be given aid by this state. If I were to react the way I feel inside, I would just raise my arms to the ceiling and let loose the most horrendous roar and scream that I could muster. I would curdle everybody's blood in this room. But I don't think it is necessary to do that to get your attention or to relieve the frustration that I feel. Any time there is a clash between the rights of the students and the system, the students lose. And it is always justified on the basis of money. Then when I accuse these programs of existing for money, the same ones turn around and say, well, no, they are not; they are to create character, sportsmanship, and fellowship. If that is the case and character is what we are talking about, where is our character? Senator Hefner and others such as him are the ones who help make a monster out of big time college athletics. Senator Hefner, we are not talking about extracurricular activities when you operate at the level of a Nebraska or Oklahoma or Notre Dame. You are talking, not about football, but racket ball, r-a-c-k-e-t, like the rackets, because the tactics utilized and the amount of money involved are such that people's morals, their ethics are compromised, and we suddenly can find a way to say that it is necessary for the state to provide aid for needy students and there is an obligation, but if the NCAA might say we don't like the way you're administering it, then we back off. I will tell you how the university can create a situation where there will never be a conflict if this bill were to pass with the emergency clause. This bill would not have to come into effect if the Nebraska University would just stop enticing these young men to come here on what they call the walk-on program. They don't have a scholarship to give them. So just stop telling them to come to this university and that takes care of the problem. The problem arises, Senator Hefner, when the university makes a false promise, when they promise you that if you come, there will be some aid available for you and it turns out that there