

lies the adjustment is when four...when laws have been enacted in states in which four of the Big 8 schools are located rather than when four additional states make this move. So that is the enacting opportunity and written in a way that I think conforms with what Senator Chambers attempted to do, to begin with. So that is the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. I will now recognize senators wishing to speak to the amendment. Senator Haberman, do you wish to speak to the amendment? Anyone wishing to speak on the amendment? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam Chair and members of the Legislature, I just want it clear to everybody that I support the amendment and that Senator Conway is totally correct. The states, as states, don't belong to the NCAA but rather the schools. So this will put the bill before us in the form that it should be debated. I support the amendment and, because we haven't discussed the bill and there are new senators here, let me say what this is addressing. This bill will say that it will not take effect as far as authorizing the university to give a stipend to the players and that amount would be determined by the university until at least four other schools do the same thing, their states do the same thing. That prevents Nebraska from being out there alone. The passage of this bill will not put Nebraska in violation of any NCAA rule. It will show the NCAA and other states that legislators are looking at the conditions under which these players must attend school and participate in athletics and the attempt is to try to persuade them to alter their rules. So this amendment says that before this bill, which is designed to give the university that authorization, takes effect, four other schools in the Big 8 must be in states which have adopted similar legislation. And I hope you will vote for the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Morrissey, do you wish to speak to the amendments? Senator Nelson, do you wish to speak to the amendments? Okay. Seeing no one else wishing to speak to the amendments, we will proceed to vote...Senator Conway, do you have a closing statement? Okay, no closing statements. We will proceed to vote on the committee amendments to LB 68. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.