

solve our mutual problems. Well, you see, for me the NCAA has built up, as it has for you, into some powerful group that maybe it's faceless, right? And so I do have some problems. The only problem I have with this particular amendment is that it says college scholarships, but now you clarify there are 1,000 members or more, college members of the NCAA. So that would cover a lot of colleges besides the Big 8 and so on. You see, I was...I still am not sure who all is in that group. So...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Crosby, this amendment is like an adjunct to the bill, it points out what is perceived to be a problem. And some of the schools, by the way, recognize that too much time is required in these pursuits. So the bill, as drafted, is designed to encourage the providing of more assistance to the players. Senator Beutler feels, and I think it's a valid consideration that's why I don't oppose his amendment, that there ought to be some attempt to deemphasize college athletics in terms of the time that is required from the players and then maybe some of the other negative aspects.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Senator Beutler stated it very well. He said a lot of the things that I feel about the general feeling about college sports and that football has become, as you have said many times, a big business. It isn't college football anymore. And adding this kind of money, I don't know what it will do for it. I'm hoping I can vote for the bill, I want to because I think a statement needs to be made. And, as I understand it, the First Amendment does put a little break on it until these other Big 8 schools would do the same thing. Right? So...but this amendment, Senator Will, or whomever is listening, does include like anybody that is on a scholarship for tennis, track, whatever, right? Baseball? Okay, thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Does anyone else wish to speak on the Will amendment to the amendment? Seeing none, Senator Will, do you have closing?

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President. Let's not lose sight of the issue that we're talking about here. Senator Chambers has a bill, LB 68, that Senator Beutler brought an amendment to. The Beutler amendment says that it's the sense of the Legislature that the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, acting in conjunction with the NCAA, should immediately begin the process of seriously reducing the time spent by University of Nebraska-Lincoln football players on football program