

with the football players, I sympathize with Senator Chambers, and I realize that we have a problem. But, here again, I believe that we have the wrong solution. I believe that the correct solution would be to go to the NCAA and get their rules changed. And they're working on it, but so far they haven't seen fit to do this. As I understand it, there are some problems. But I would like to see us work through our representative on the NCAA committee. I believe that this is a better bill than LB 69, because this bill says that four other states would have to pass a law, such as this, before this one would take effect. And remember, the other day I tried to get an amendment on the other bill but was unsuccessful in doing that. But at least we're not going to be standing alone out there, because the NCAA can issue some sanctions which says that we would not be able to appear on TV, which I think is very important for Nebraska because we usually fill our stadium and a lot of people don't have the opportunity to see a football game that would like to. Also, they could issue a sanction that says we would not be able to play in a bowl game. And I think playing in a bowl game is very rewarding, not only to the coaches and players, but to all of us Nebraskans. The reason I think that is because we get national exposure, and what better way to advertise our state. We spend a lot of money on economic development, and being on national TV is certainly great for Nebraska. I don't like to see us violate NCAA rules. The NCAA is the governing body of college athletes, of college athletics. And, if we violate them, like I said before, they would issue, or could issue some sanctions against us. This bill just deals with football players. Of course, now it's amended to include some of the other players, too. But this was one of the problems I had with it, because I feel that, if we're going to have it for football players, we should have it for all athletics. Okay, if we pay them a stipend, what do we pay them? What's a reasonable stipend? I see in the fiscal note they suggested \$4 an hour. That's about minimum wage, or after April 1 it won't be minimum wage, because minimum wage goes up to \$4.25. But they said if a player spent 1,040 hours, and we had 240 players in the program, and this is football players, it would cost us about...it would cost the university about \$1 million a year. So that's another thing to consider. Certainly, the laws that this body passes has to be carried out by the University of Nebraska. It would be a priority for the University of Nebraska to carry this out. And, therefore, they would be going through...they would be violating the NCAA rules. I just got the transcript of the hearing on...