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PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...LB 68, and Al Papik, the Assistant Athletic Director and the Compliance Coordinator for the Department of Athletics at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and here is what he said, he says, "I oppose LB 68." And he goes on to say, "Since my basic responsibility is compliance, and I'm selected as the liaison for the NCAA, I would like to discuss with you the probable impact that LB 68 would have, if enacted, on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and specifically the Department of Athletics." And then he cites an NCAA law and states that, "An individual loses amateur status through receipt of pay which includes, but is not limited to, any direct or indirect salary, gratuity or comparable compensation."

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR HEFNER: And so I just wanted to get this into the record that the University of Nebraska Athletic Department opposes this bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. I'll now recognize Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam Chair, members of the Legislature, I should remind Senator Hefner that Mr. Papik, and the Athletic Department, are not the university. The chancellor is on record in support. And, Senator Hefner, I'd like to ask you a question about that transcript that you read from. Would you answer it?

SENATOR HEFNER: Certainly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you go far enough to see where, in response to a question from the committee, in view of the fact that the four other schools have to do it, Mr. Papik admitted that there would be no impact whatsoever when this bill passed and that it will not put the university in violation? Did you get that far in your reading?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Chambers, I didn't, I just got this about 15, 20 minutes ago,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.