

does not do that. The only thing this bill deals with is financial aid based on need. For a player to qualify for this aid, Senator Hefner, he or she comes in, because it's not just football players, this bill is for all athletes. We have created certain programs, by statute, that will provide financial aid to needy students. There are various classes mentioned who cannot be discriminated against. Athletes were not specifically mentioned. Right now those financial aid programs discriminate against athletes. What this bill does is to remove that discrimination. It says that programs which have been created to assist students in need must be extended to athletes also. So, first of all, it deals with need-based financial aid. Secondly, it doesn't prevent the NCAA from doing anything. Thirdly, by an amendment that Senator Beutler had adopted, references to the NCAA within the operative portion of the bill was totally eliminated. Finally, the date this bill takes effect is June 1, 1992, which means that the bill will be in place, the NCAA, the university, and others around the country who profess an interest in helping players will see that Nebraska has made a move in this direction, and other states, I'm sure, will follow here as they did on the due process bill. Therefore, Senator... I should make this clear, Senator Hefner is going to withdraw his motion. He wanted the opportunity to speak. So we won't vote on that motion, we will vote the bill up or down. I hope those who have supported the bill supported fairness toward all of the students, supported doing away with discrimination in these financial aid programs, will continue to support the bill. Senator Hefner mentioned a World-Herald editorial, and nowhere in that editorial, Senator Hefner, were they honest enough to state that this is need-based financial assistance which is extended to every other student who qualifies, but not athletes. So I hope you will support the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. I'll now recognize Senator Chizek, followed by Senator Haberman, then Ashford and Schmit. Senator Chizek waives. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Madam President, members of the body, the issue here, in my opinion, is not the state aid, who gets it, who doesn't get it, who gets money, who doesn't get money, who wins how many football games, who doesn't win how many football games, that's not the issue. The issue is I think we're sticking our nose into something that isn't any of our business. We cannot do anything about how the NCAA rules, that's a