

the university, which supposedly has such high moral standards, was doing. We passed a law last session or two sessions ago which prohibited that practice, and when we passed the law you know what the NCAA said? If the Legislature enacts that law, we will put them on probation and they cannot participate in athletics that are sponsored by the NCAA. I said Nebraska is the goose that laid the golden egg and the NCAA is not going to do anything. And guess what happened? The NCAA, after they saw the Legislature pass the bill and intended to keep it in place, backed off that statement they made of a threatening variety and said, well, nothing is going to be done to Nebraska after all. Somebody has got to speak for the voiceless and not just out there when they're risking their health and lives on a football field and people are willing to cheer for them. We, who set the policy of this state, have to show a genuine concern for the welfare and health of all the residents of this state whether they're citizens of the State of Nebraska or not. And these young people have a welfare that needs to be looked after, not by a self-serving, unfair confederacy like the NCAA which is presided over by white men who have demeaned women, who, as Joe Paterno said, has set up a system of athletics which rapes young black men from the inner cities when they bring them to these programs. We, as moral representatives of the best interests of the people, must make sure that we don't allow our conduct to be governed by the low, self-serving, jangling, clanging, commercialized standards of the NCAA. All of those things having been said, my soul having been unburdened, I now ask that you adopt this new Whereas that I'm offering to the resolution that acknowledges the work that the young men put into this and that without them it wouldn't be possible. I ask that you adopt it. And when you have adopted it, I have taken all of the time that I intend to take on speaking on this resolution.

SPEAKER WITHEM: On the Chambers amendment, Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: I would like to rise in support of the Chambers amendment. Certainly, there was no oversight on the part of those of us who drafted the resolution. We certainly acknowledge that the players are the ones that won the game, and if this makes it clearer for Senator Chambers and for others in the body, then I would support it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Brown. No further discussion. Senator Chambers, do you have a closing? Closing has been waived. The question is the adoption of the Chambers