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SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, it is, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, I was thinking I was answering Senator Bernard-Stevens' question.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I'm sure it seemed like that, but we're still on your time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How much time do I have left?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: You have a little over two and a-half minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. There...there are a couple of other things I want to say about this bill. I don't like using license plates for anything other than to identify a vehicle. The thing that made me willing to not do all I could to try to stop this bill, I mean by offering amendments, running out the time and such things as that, is the fact that it is going to make a nod toward equity with reference to the athletes who make people want to get these plates in the first place. They are winners right now. Nobody, no school, can ride the crest of the wave always. And when Nebraska slips from the ranks of the undefeated and the perennial contender for the national championship, things are going to change and the attitude toward them, and the coach will change. As a part of this Big 12 Conference, the competition is going to be stiffer in certain instances. If they have a play-off between one division of this conference and the other division, Nebraska could get bumped off in that play-off game, and then you're going to see a lot of hostility directed toward this team because they did not come through the way people who love a winner think they should have come through. We are not looking at the effort that the young men put forth, or any of the athletes when they're in a competitive game against other schools. So you've got to strike while the iron is hot.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This bill, if I hadn't done everything I could to stop it anyway, would probably have passed without the concessions Senator Brashear is making. So, Senator Brashear, let me ask you, why are you making these concessions in your bill anyway? Why did you draft the bill the way you drafted it?