

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, Senator Chambers, the reason I drafted the bill the way I did is because I was aware of the legislative history of this particular issue here in the body. I was aware of the points of view of those who had opposed it, chief among them you. And I...I thought there was a compelling argument to be made in terms of, first and primarily, returning benefit to those who, in fact, make this kind of special phenomenon possible in the state of Nebraska.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers and Senator Brashear. Senator Bernard-Stevens, you're next.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Chambers, you beat me to the question. I was going to ask you, however, why you think Senator Brashear put these particular items into the bill, and I have my own rationale of why I think he did so, but I'll take Senator Brashear's comment at their face value. Senator Chambers, I do not have a difficulty with this particular amendment and, as you know, I've supported the concept of even stipends for the players as well. I do however, members, have a problem with the third portion of where the money goes. When we're talking about simply athletic facilities, and I get a little perturbed when we're...when we do all the things on the property tax side for public education, we have to fight and scrape for every dollar we can get for whether it'd be a lid reprieve or...and monies into an equalization fund, that when the university can come to the State Legislature or go to private corporations or go to booster clubs or go to special whatever they want to do to get dollars for facilities that we, the state, have to put anything over the \$5 million that comes in on spirit plates will go into helping facilities. The amendment that I'll have...I don't know if it's next, or it'll be coming up soon, will keep this portion, what Senator Chambers is talking about...it'll keep the second portion...well, it'll keep the financial support of former athletes. It'll keep the financial support for academic services, but the amendment that'll be coming will strike the third portion which says any amount after the first \$5 million between campuses and state colleges and UN for athletic facilities cost, I strike that and insert in its place anything then above \$5 million will go into