

care one way or another, I guess, on the spirit plates, whether it'd be a Spirit Plate or a Holy Spirit Plate during Holy Week. But whether people want to buy a spirit plate or not really makes no difference to me in regards to education of...higher education in Nebraska. But when we're starting to raise, and, Senator Brashear, if you can nod your head, I think, what, 30,000 estimated, that would raise, what, about 1.2 million a year? Would that be a ballpark?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, Senator Bernard-Stevens, it's 2.1 million a year; 900,000 will go to the Department of Motor Vehicles...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Understood.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...to maintain the fees, and 1.2 goes to these other purposes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: To the other areas. Right. So when...I think if, to me, if we're going to say that the University of Nebraska certainly has had tremendous success in athletics over the last few years, and I suspect that we all know that this will go in cycles. There'll be years that we won't do quite as well. But nonetheless, if we're going to...if the university is saying, or the Legislature is saying, we'd like to get some money from that, and it's going to come to the state of Nebraska for the most part and we're going to divvy it out, I think it's proper to say, as Senator Chambers has said, that we provide financial support to the former athletes as they've defined it and clarified in the amendment. I think it's proper that we talk about financial support for academic service units of athletic departments. I have no problems with that, but I do have a problem when we're putting potentially millions of dollars into athletic facilities, athletic facilities. Now I may not remember correctly, but I don't remember when the University of Nebraska football program or the University of Nebraska built their indoor practice area. I don't remember that costing many state funds. They have done many things, on scoreboards, you name it, that they've done, which is fab...they're great, they're super. But they...the university has so many tentacles out where they can grab dollars from corporations. I was very careful, Senator Kristensen, how I