

things and I would hope that the balance between wanting a flashy plate and wanting to have sufficient monies could be carried out, but that people's expectations not be that you'll get both. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Following Senator Kristensen, we have Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members. I'll just speak here a little bit about the football team and athletics in general and thank Senator Brashear for bringing this bill. He worked very hard on it. And the thing that disturbs me sometimes on a day like this, when people are bringing what I think of as amendments that could have been left for another time, to let the bill pass and breathe and see how it works, but be that as it may, I want to go back to just a few things that were said today having to do with who would buy the plates. Well, I'm not one to buy that kind of thing, but my first husband would. He'd be first in line to buy those plates. He started going to the football games and also baseball games when he was 11 years old. And it wasn't because he had a lot of money because he didn't. He had to start working when he was 14 to help take care of his mother. But because he didn't have the educational opportunities and things that other boys had, the sports came to mean a great deal to him. He was a wonderful golfer in his own right. We came down to the games starting in 1949 after we were married, and we lost a lot of games. We watched them lose, we watched them win, but we came. And there are a lot of hard core fans like that right now that will continue to come, win or lose; and they're the ones that will buy these plates. There are basketball fans like that, too, and the ones that follow the women's volleyball. Husker spirit, yes, is about education but it's mostly about athletics because that gives the average person something to hang their loyalties on. So, and, yes, the athletic department does have money available. I contributed money to the Cook Pavilion because my children wanted their dad's name on something. We bought a brick for him, too, in the Go Big Red pathway when they run in, put his name on it because he was a real fan and we watched Bobby Reynolds and Johnny Novak and a lot of those good players. And as I say, we lost a lot but we won, too. You remember, we beat Oklahoma I think it was in 1957 or '58 when we didn't beat many others that year. So my only point is that let the bill pass this year and see how all these funds, and I'm glad that