

the letters in Cornhusker, you can easily get the word "sucker." If these people who buy these plates were of the kind that Senator Crosby mentioned who would support these youngsters who go out there and give their all and lose, we have to remember that they don't lose on purpose. Nobody wants to lose. But when I read some of the hateful things that are said about these players, some of the condemnations heaped upon them when they lose as though they went out there with that intention, it makes me feel sometimes that society would not be harmed if big time college athletics were to be abolished. But because there is so much money involved, that will never happen. What Senator Brashear decided to do was tap into that. But I'm going to tell you what he admitted to me. He drafted this bill in such a way as to take into consideration the concerns and the opposition that I have expressed. He knows the concern and the interest that I have about and in the welfare of the athletes. He addressed that in a very innovative and praiseworthy manner. I don't know that any other state which hustles these license plates has done such a thing. So, Senator Brashear, with reference to that part, I thank you on behalf of Ernie and "Ernie's Kids." I hope this is not the only effort we'll put forth to do something that will be beneficial to these athletes. I want to see at some point a resolution offered by the Legislature when a team seems to be fragmented, falling apart at the seams and worthless the Legislature offer words of encouragement instead of waiting as was done in the basketball situation. They...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...righted themselves, went to this "Nitwit Conference" or whatever they call it and won. Let me tell you why I call it the "Nitwit Tournament." Because Senator Wesely when he was circulating his petition to get the senators to sign it, it said NIT, whatever it was. Then Senator Witek was the next one I saw sign it so if you take the first three letters of her name, it's W-i-t. So when you put NIT with W-i-t, you know what you get. But I can understand the Legislature loving a winner just like the president and everybody else. But we have to be concerned about them, as Senator Crosby said, whether they win or lose.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator. Senator Brashear, do you have a closing on the bill?