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SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Lieutenant Governor. Members of the Legislature, I talked to Senator Chambers about this a couple of times and communicated to him that I thought...I have been thinking about this for years. I think he brought it up in '88, and it was obviously something that was on the radar screen. I went to college in the early 1980's and I played baseball for a couple of years until they finally told me that I wasn't...that I couldn't hit the ball well enough and I should probably seek another line of work. I played at Kearney State College for a couple of years. I transferred to Creighton University. And I think that what I wanted to do is rise and maybe talk a little bit about what that experience, what that cost, what that cost me. I don't think I could ever trade it, you know, back and say that it's something that I wouldn't do again. But I will say this, and Senator Chambers brings up a pretty good point. I think probably almost to the man you could probably talk to Nebraska football players, when they were kids, when they were dealing with the game of football, when they were dealing with the game of basketball, baseball, whatever it might be, when they were kids, it was a game and it was fun. When I got to college and I had to put the time in and the effort in that would have required to be the best baseball player that I could be, it wasn't a game anymore. It turned into a job. So the intriguing part to me about what Senator Chambers has been bringing to the floor in the past in this Chamber and what he brings now is that I think something obviously has to be done. I do rise and say right away, and I've spoken to him about this, I don't know that I can...that I can back, you know, his effort here. But what I can tell you is that these folks that play football at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and I've worked and talked to them when I worked at the Grand Island newspaper, seen what these guys do, it was ten times the amount of work that they put in than that I put in in baseball, ten times the amount. These...some boys, they turn into men real fast. That's all they do. They do study, but this is all they do. It's their life, and if you can understand that, you know, the spring football is out there, and it costs them, I don't know what it is, 21 days now or 19 days of spring football. I go back to the early eighties and the first thing that I thought of is why do we have spring football. Congressman Osborne used to