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presidents who believe it's the right thing to do to pay their students to play sports. If you try to do this, I think you would take first-rate college programs and turn them into third-rate professional programs. I think that some of the concern expressed...I believe all of us received a letter dated February 27, from Chancellor Perlman, saying that the University of Nebraska takes a neutral stance in regard to LB 688. He said, however, to actively support LB 688 would place the university in an untenable position, because it would put us on a course inconsistent with retaining eligibility to play in NCAA-sponsored competition. We would also have concerns that the bill would single out football players from other student athletes. The same thing, talking about the fairness issue. I do have great empathy for these football players. Some are on a full ride; some are not. But I think the bottom line is, really, no one forces them to be a football player. They do this of their own free will. They do this because many of them have dreams and hopes to go on to professional...to play professional football, where eventually they can make millions of dollars. It is something that provides them an opportunity. I think the real discussion needs to focus on need-based scholarships in Nebraska. Did you realize that Nebraska actually ranks thirty-fifth in the nation in how much money it gives to needy students? Thousands of Nebraska students who are unrestricted in employment options but who also struggle with meals and other expenses that scholarship athletes don't face. I think that's the bottom line. In the Legislature, that's a discussion that we really need to take forth. And I hope that Senator Chambers will comment on these remarks.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUHR: I turn the rest of my time back to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Chambers. And this will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I hate to use the term "hypocrisy," but there's...not you, Senator Stuhr. No, this is going back to some other things that have