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SENATOR JOHNSON: Those kids, darn them anyhow, they were taking the medical school admission test, and Creighton got their hand spanked for having academics first. One thing about the money. If you take and value a scholarship at \$25,000 a year, multiply that times 85, you come up with the same number as what two of the Big 12 coaches make themselves a year. So players are providing our universities with a lot of money, and a lot of everything else. And as I mentioned to start with, Senator Chambers does have a point, and we need to get the attention of the NCAA.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Chambers, there are no further lights on your amendment. Would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, what this amendment does is provide additional safeguards to the university. It would require an additional state that has teams in the Big 12 to enact a bill providing for stipends. I wouldn't care if you changed the language in the bill to say that all athletes would receive a stipend. Because by its terms, the bill is not going to result in anybody getting a stipend. This is like a stick. It doesn't matter what form the bill is in when it's enacted into law and signed by the Governor. The NCAA is a savvy political operation. Once any legislature passes a bill of this kind, it raises the debate to a higher level. It makes the ante higher, because now the NCAA is not just dealing with players who have no voice, not dealing with fragmented university officials, some of whom are very timorous. But they're looking at world-wise politicians, who understand politics, who are not going to be sidetracked by all the hooey about what a great philanthropic association the NCAA is. We recognize that when an organization signs a contract for \$6 billion, it is in the big time, and money is driving it. When we see that more restrictive rules have been put in place to stop assistance from going to football players, that football is the engine that drives the NCAA, the players make the football programs possible, so they're going to suppress those players as much as they can. But when the legislatures blow aside that smoke screen, that dust being raised, and will see the NCAA as a profit-making corporation that dominates the