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attention to by the university.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And what we say with respect to their relationship to the NCAA is going to be heard by the NCAA.

SENATOR FRIEND: Well, thank you, Senator. I...and that kind of leads me to my point. You had brought up the spring football. Senator Chambers, I would...this would be directed to you, if that's okay. We talk about the spring football issue. That's a perfect example of another state maybe deciding. We have both of these pieces in there now. Like I said, both of these...the amendment and the bill are enacted. Another state says, forget it, we're going to have spring football, because we want to beat Nebraska, and we want to beat them soundly. We are going to pay our players that stipend. We made this choice to do this. Do you see the point that I'm making here? I mean, where the differential lies, another state may say...I could think of one right now, the state of Texas, where we're competing with, what are there, four teams down there, where the University of Nebraska is competing with in football, and recruiting, and the whole...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thanks.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Friend, you say you may be parochial and narrowly focused because there's an issue you want to keep hammering. I've got to keep hammering an issue. This bill gives ammunition to Nebraska's representatives who go to the NCAA conferences; other states, like California, where the senators offered a bill dealing with similar issues. A senator from Texas has done the same thing. When these presidents can show that legislatures are interested, and they can go to the fact that the NCAA itself admits that the amount of aid allowed does not cover the amount needed to attend a university, this gives them a stick to make their point with.