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during the season, they're busy off-season, and so forth. They have to be in shape. If they want to be on the starting lineup, and so forth, they have to be...work full-time, 12 months a year. And so I think it's...I think...and there are a lot of student athletes see this as a step to get to the professional ranks, that they need to perform well at the collegiate level. And I think that what Senator Chambers is proposing is a very, very modest proposal, because it doesn't go into effect until other states adopt it in the Big 12. So I simply applaud Senator Chambers for bringing this bill to us, and hopefully get enough support to get to the Governor. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members. I too am an old Navy guy. And I believe that there are times you shoot across the bow, and there are times you fire for effect, and this is one of those times. I support LB 688, and respectfully call the question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry, Senator Mines, but you can't...we don't allow speaking to the measure and then calling the question. I'm sorry.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you. Thank you. I stand corrected.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry. But there are no further...Senator Mines, your light is on, but there are no further lights on. So I'll go strictly to Senator Chambers to close, if you don't mind. Thank you. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I'm not going to take my full five minutes. But I just want to put something into the record that might flesh it out. I think Senator Mines said he had talked to somebody who, probably from recollection, was talking about the successful programs in the country. I handed out an article written in the Washington Times, and it was dated February 18 of this year. This is a paragraph at the bottom of the first page. Granted, every college football program did not pull in \$20 million in the year 2001. A dozen of them did,