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SENATOR CAVANAUGH: My understanding of that would be that it's to promote the image of the football program at the University. You'd wish to discontinue that prac . . . you feel that's also improper to promote the image of the University in that fashion?

SENATOR WARNER: No I don't know that that is the purpose of the complimentary tickets to press across the state, Senator Cavanaugh. I just assume that if they . . . anyone who occupies a seat in the stadium proper itself, other than students, could purchase that ticket.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, without some amendment I would oppose the resolution. First of all, I don't think that it should pertain to all tickets. I think that there are good reasons for the University properly to issue tickets. I don't necessarily think there's a good reason to distribute them to public officials. I don't object to that portion, although I would not concur in the language Senator Warner has in his resolution that effects propriety. I certainly think that that . . . Senator Warner was extremely sensitive to the lobby bill, in fact so sensitive that he gutted the bill, that it infringed on the lobbyist integrity. I think that the distribution of football tickets to members of this body has absolutely no effect on their judgement. I don't think it's . . . I don't think there's any benefit served. I don't think that we have any inherent right to the tickets. I don't think there's any reason to give them to us. I certainly don't think that the distribution of the tickets is any reflection on our propriety. I think that the allegation that it is such is a great disservice to this Legislature and to the University and to public officials generally. A man like Senator Warner can say that in all good conscience that lobbyists need not report the income that they receive from employers to affect and influence legislation in this body; lobbyists should not have to report the positions that they take on legislation in this body and then say that this Legislature is corrupted by the distribution of football tickets, I think is a hypocritical position at least and a great injustice to this Legislature.

PRESIDENT: Motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to add a paragraph to provide to include: all tickets shall be sold each year on a first-come-first-serve basis. Signed, Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well Senator Warner wants to see that everyone has full and free access to the University that each and every taxpayers support. I believe this is the method. Then it won't matter who you are or where you are, of if you give a piece of beef, or whatever you do to get your tickets. Each and every taxpayer in this state can be treated equally. I would overwhelmingly indorse and support the Warner motion with my amendment on it. I would be more than happy to take my chances on procurement of