

possibly can. There will be no cajoling. There will be no threatening. There will be no anything that anybody can do or offer that will deter me from my course. This bill is wicked. I wish that Senator Higgins had not voted the way she did that requires me to work as hard as I am going to have to work now. But maybe, maybe since she had her opportunity to speak, she will now vote yes on this reconsideration motion. If we adopt the reconsideration motion, we can defeat what Ak-Sar-Ben has tried to do and give Senator Conway, Senator Rupp and the others with an interest in this bill what they came through the legislative process and asked for. If you decide to buckle under to Ak-Sar-Ben, then the fight has to be waged. But remember this, don't make the mistake of looking at the one who responds after being slapped, pay attention to the one who did the slapping. Ak-Sar-Ben is accustomed to having their way in this body and they have slapped, but I am not going to sit back and take it. I intend to resist what they are trying to do. And if it takes seven days to do it, so be it. But there is one thing I want to point out here because I intend to bring it up on another matter. There is a nonexistent "competition" that Ak-Sar-Ben keeps talking about. Some members of the Legislature are accepting the notion that when you are in a highly competitive enterprise, you have to meet the competition and you meet the competition by doing what the competition does. Now that is what I have heard argued here this morning. I have heard Senator DeCamp argue it when they wanted to raise interest rates on these cards that people use to go into debt. You have to meet the competition. So when I began to talk about my amendment to pay those football players and I tell you that Nebraska cheats like the other schools cheat, don't you go against the principle then and say, well, Nebraska doesn't have to meet the competition in this highly competitive multimillion dollar operation. Don't strike from the record what former Coach of Creighton, Willis Reed, said about it being impossible to compete at the highest levels without cheating. Don't ignore what Bobby Knight, Coach of Indiana University, said last night speaking for the Cancer Society that there is widespread cheating throughout all the division I(a) schools. I just want you to keep that in mind and I want to prime you for that. You are doing so much for Ak-Sar-Ben. I am going to try to get you to do something for the players. But in the meantime, to come back to this issue, all that I am asking is that you give a vote "aye" for reconsideration.