

generated directly for the University. Some of the side benefits would be the free travel given to various state officials to bowl games. Then there will be gifts, donations left to the University, based strictly and solely on the presence and performance of the football team. I haven't been able to cover the waterfront, but I wanted to give you that brief overview by way of opening.

**SPEAKER NICHOL:** Senator Rod Johnson, then Senator Higgins.

**SENATOR R. JOHNSON:** Mr. Speaker, I will not take a great deal of time to present my viewpoint. Senator Chambers, when he first brought this particular bill before us, I think I was a freshman at the time. I had a brother who was participating at the University of Nebraska in the football program. I opposed Senator Chambers' motion at that particular time. He has since left the University, played a couple of years in the professional leagues and is now home farming. Now I have different opinions or at least mixed emotions about how we should approach this. The only thing that I guess I have some concern with is how this paying the football players will affect our status in the NCAA. Maybe Senator Chambers could tell me that briefly. I don't want to open up a can of worms, Senator Chambers, but I am just curious. How will that make us, as a ball team, compare to an Oklahoma, or a Kansas, or whatever?

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Senator Rod Johnson, I'm going to answer the question directly. Then maybe I'll elaborate on it later.

**SENATOR R. JOHNSON:** Okay.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** The NCAA has sent information saying that if the players are declared employees and paid that would be in violation of their definition of legal compensation and Nebraska would be likely to be barred from competition...NCAA sponsored competition, which means I guess they would have to play in the USFL and they might do better there than they do in the Big 8.

**SENATOR R. JOHNSON:** Okay, thank you. I just have one other question, Senator Chambers, briefly.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Yes.