

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: If, in fact, you pay each player \$500, is that correct, as compensation...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If the number of players is 120, I couldn't get a direct figure on that from over there either, the amount would be \$500.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: That would be on top of their scholarship, or would they have no scholarships at that time?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, that would be on top of the scholarships.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: On top of the scholarships. Okay. That is where I'm a bit confused and I guess a bit concerned. If, in fact, we were paying the ball players a certain salary for participating, and I'll be honest with you, my brother was a walk-on at the University. He earned his scholarship by his participation on the field not in the classroom. He did graduate. He has his degree in ag economics and has gone back and is farming. I guess I can understand where he is coming from today as agriculture is not that lucrative of a business anymore. But I would have liked to see, if in fact we are going to pay players, that those scholarships that we have been providing to the players should be provided to those individuals not in the football program but actually exceptional students who may need financial assistance to go to the University of Nebraska or any other institution. I'm not sure that can work out. That may, in fact, defeat the purpose of Senator Chambers' motion here. But I have mixed emotions. Quite frankly, Senator Chambers, I am leaning your way at this particular time, even though I have some background with the University as a brother of a player, and recognize the hardships that he has gone through and I'm sure other players have gone through. His history was maybe better than some because he did get to play a little bit. I know some guys have languished many years at the University programs not to play, but have stuck it out and participated and took their lumps just like everybody else and the ones that we read about in the papers. But at this time I still have some mixed emotions about what Senator Chambers is presenting to us. But I think it is worthwhile and thoughtful and one that, irregardless of where you come down on this particular issue, I think we should keep an open