

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members and colleagues, I just wanted to make a few remarks. Personally I think this is an internal problem of the University of Nebraska. I think they can handle it. I haven't been contacted by anybody that says they are really unhappy with it. I would suggest that if Senator Chambers feels so strong about this that he ask for pay for the women athletes along with the football players because it goes hand in glove. So I just wanted to say that I think we are getting into something that can be handled internally and that we are spending some time and some dollars and one thing and another on things that will just work out for the best in their opinion. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: There are no other lights on. Senator Chambers, would you like to close? You have about six or seven minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, it is clear that this matter is not going to be handled internally without some prodding. Senator Haberman, Senator Hefner and others of that philosophical persuasion would be the first ones to speak against an Equal Rights Amendment saying you don't have to amend the Constitution, we have laws and we can, in the Legislature, do the kinds of things that are necessary to guard against gender discrimination. Then when an issue comes before us of this magnitude, they say we shouldn't do anything about it. So they want to have it both ways. Don't do anything legislatively to solve a problem. Then when people want to bypass the Legislature and amend the Constitution, they say there is no need to amend the Constitution, the Legislature will act. It is clear, from what happened yesterday, it is clear from some of the remarks made on this resolution that gender discrimination is something that this Legislature tolerates because it is composed primarily of men, men without a great degree of respect or regard for women. That is crystal clear. But regardless of what this Legislature does, regardless of what people like Senator Haberman and Senator Hefner say about allowing discrimination to occur within the University context, and that it is nobody's business but the University, I don't feel that way. You can look at the kinds of positions we've taken, the kind of issues that we espouse and determine our value orientation. A lot of things that are very negative to the Legislature