

and equipment rattle, and the opposing player does not get up off the ground. That is considered a good hit because you knocked him out of commission. These are young people risking everything, literally life itself. They are giving four and in some cases five of the best years of their life in exchange for nothing. When they take their uniforms, bearing their number, off nobody knows them. And yet they have done so much to cause people in Nebraska to feel a sense of pride. While we are talking about giving increases to state employees we ought not ignore these who literally risk their lives for this state. Those who say that a scholarship is enough quickly change that tune when I say impose the same restrictions on every other student on scholarship that are imposed on athletes. And I mentioned them before, no job, no money, no anything. Poor kids come to this university. They are caught up in a system imposed by the NCAA which requires you to cheat, as they call it, to survive. You may want to take a young lady to a dinner, or to a movie, and you have not the means. You may want to ride wherever you are going instead of walk...

SPEAKER NICHOL: (Cavel.) Could we hold the level of conversation down. I'm having difficulty, and I'd like to listen. Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and you have no vehicle or access to one. The NCAA has put in place a mass, a multitude of unreasonable, unenforceable rules while making tons of money from these young players and saying they should not receive anything. The officials in the National Collegiate Athletic Association are given huge, noninterest bearing loans from the amounts of money produced on the backs of these young players who are viewed as gold mines to be mined by others for the benefit of others, and the players are to get nothing from it. Look what the athletic director gets. Look what the coach gets at Nebraska, a base salary of over \$80,000, fringe benefits, a \$100,000 Nike Shoe contract, television and radio programs for which he is paid, provision of new vehicles to him and his assistant coaches. Then they have the audacity and the gall, no pun on Senator Goll's name intended, to say that these players should be given \$50 or \$60 a month. I have a son in high school and I give him \$20 a week, and that is not enough for him. These are young people at the college level, and we know what is entailed in trying to be a part of college life. So you create a situation where what is called cheating occurs. These young players wind up with money, automobiles, apartments, stereos, all of these things I think they should have, but they should not be made