

individuals please leave the floor. All absent members return to the Chamber. Again, let me introduce some guests of Senator Lindsay in the balcony. We have six students and sponsors from the Saitama Women's Junior College in Saitama, Japan, visiting Creighton University, and we also have 43 students and sponsor from Gakun University in Takoha, Japan. They are also guests of Creighton University. Senator Lindsay, you are so carried away you haven't checked in yet, if you would please. Senator Engel and Senator...everyone is here. Proceed with the roll call vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1024 of the Legislative Journal.) 2 ayes, and 26 nays on Senator Chambers' amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Chambers amendment is not adopted. Anything else on the bill?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, there is. Senator Chambers would move to amend. (See FA415 on page 1025 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: The call is raised. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, in this amendment, on line 23, wait a minute, after "assessments" in line 22 would be the placement of the word "or" and the striking in that line of the words "or fines." Then you would have, notwithstanding any other provision in this constitution, the Legislature may provide by law for assessments or forfeitures against convicted defendants to pay for these programs. It would eliminate fines as a source of revenue for that purpose. Right now, fines go into the school fund except money from forfeitures derived from drug activity. If this particular provision is left in this LR 29CA, fines from every criminal action could be diverted to the funding of these so-called victims' rights programs. I doubt that that would happen because the school people are too powerful. The only reason the drug money was split 50/50 and not all given to enforcement of drug laws is because of the power of the school people. So if things don't change drastically from what they are now, it is unlikely that the totality of the fines derived from criminal actions would go as funding for these victims' programs. However, if this proposal is left intact and that language remains a part of LR 29CA, fines from any criminal action, ranging from traffic up through the most grievous