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ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is offered by Senator Howard Peterson. That amendment is found on page 809 of the Journal.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Peterson. Is that an amendment to the one you withdrew?

SENATOR H. PETERSON: No, Mr. Chairman. This is a new amendment. What page of the Journal is it on?

ASSISTANT CLERK: It is on page 809.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: 809 of the Journal. I believe there is on the floor an amendment to my amendment, Mr. Chairman, and I would probably ask if that amendment to the amendment be introduced at this time.

SENATOR CLARK: We will take the amendment to the amendment.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Landis and DeCamp would move to amend the Howard Peterson amendment. (Read Landis and DeCamp amendment found on page 981 of the Journal.)

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, there are in the original Peterson amendment two ideas and this separates them and I am supportive of the remaining language in the Peterson amendment that we do not strike with this change. Senator Peterson's clarifies I think a provision of the bill with respect to rules that discriminate on the basis of pregnancy or parenthood. However, although if you look in the Journal on page 809 all the language talks about that provision. The first sentence that strikes line one and 2 on page 3 of the bill strikes the language that offers remedy when there has been a denial of comparable opportunity in intermural or interscholastic athletic programs. Now what my amendment does is in essence divide the question and it takes out of the Peterson amendment the language that refers to striking provisions on intermural or scholastic athletic programs. Unfortunately it is an awfully involved procedural tangle but to vote for my amendment is to protect women's opportunities in intermural sports. To vote against the propose amendment is to continue to support the Peterson amendment which seeks to limit opportunities for intermural athletic programs. In the event my amendment is successful and we retain the protection for women's equity in intermural sport programs, I will agree with and vote for and speak on behalf of the remaining section of Senator Peterson's language because I think it is preferable to the language