

and I will answer the questions in the closing, if that is all right with you. Call the question.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

**CLERK:** 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Motion prevails. Senator McFarland, you are entitled to a close.

**SENATOR MCFARLAND:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The questions raised by Senator Lamb and Senator Hefner are valid ones, but I think we have addressed them and that is why I want to just...I think I can deal with them very shortly in the closing that I have. There were questions about how do we define terms, what do we consider full-time employment? What kind of a mechanism do you put in place to establish this evaluation? And I think the bill, itself, takes care of that because in line 13 of the bill as it is drafted, it says, "Each university or college shall issue rules for determining the availability of the classroom space and may issue such other rules as it considers necessary to implement this section." My thought is and my understanding is that in other states, such as Maryland where this statute has been in effect for a number of years, is that the individual colleges will set up their own rules on determining what is full-time employment, for example. I suppose colleges might vary. Some might consider 35 hours full-time. Some might consider 40 hours full-time. But it would give the college and university the discretion to see that the system is not abused so that too many full-time employed people are taking advantage of it. The same way with a majority of income, I think...my assumption would be 50 percent or more. The other parts of the bill I think would be taken care of by the individual colleges and universities. I can tell you that 25 other states have this type of legislation. To my knowledge, no other state has had any problem with administering it, and while there might be questions that you could raise about individual cases about the system being abused, the fact of the matter is that to my knowledge it has never been abused in any of the 25 states that have this legislation, and it has never been abused in the 10 additional states where they have, in effect, put it in without having it passed in statute. I think it would be a good piece of legislation for our state. I think