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SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR McFARLAND: ...inefficient process and doesn't give us a chance to really debate the issues on this bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now close? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. For the purpose of closing, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I can understand Senator McFarland being somewhat testy, because he knows he has a bill that cannot withstand close scrutiny. And I wish he'd stay, because I have a question I want to ask him. Senator McFarland, you had mentioned some of the unfair provisions that are put in these agent agreements and I want to ask you, is there such a thing as a letter of intent that a high school student is asked to sign that would bind him to attend a certain university on an athletic scholarship?

SENATOR McFARLAND: Yes, the procedure is that there is a letter of intent that, I think the signing date is usually some time in February where the high school athlete indicates to which institution he plans to attend and accept the scholarship.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator McFarland, talking about being fair, does that letter of intent tell that athlete, especially if he is from a poor family, that he has to forego \$800 of federal aid under the Pell Grant in order to go to that school and play football on an athletic scholarship? Does the agreement he sign tell him that?