

because of it. My inclination is to respect and have a certain element of trust that the people who say they will actively participate in an interim study will do so. For that reason, I don't plan to support the bill at this stage. You will have to judge that on your own. Do you think it is necessary to pass a bill not to take effect for a year in order to get a valid interim study, or do you have a faith in the legislative process and a faith that the people in the university and Athletic Department, possibly the NCAA, will participate in an interim study to try and resolve this issue. I suppose that is your own judgment. For me, I am just a little too concerned and I am not sure of the consequences of it. I am not sure all the legal ramifications have been explored at this time. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, would you like to close?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, the issue is not simply one of whether you trust the NCAA to participate in an interim study. The issue is whether or not the Legislature is going to condone and endorse known and recognized discrimination. That is the issue. That is what it has been. That is what it will continue to be. So I am going to ask that you do vote to advance this bill and, Mr. Chairman, with the few people who are even present, can I ask...Mr. Chairman, can I ask how many are gone?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. Clerk. Twelve are excused at this point, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I am probably going to have to sacrifice my priority designation but I see the issue as being that serious. I am going to...I have no choice other than to take a vote, so I will ask for a call of the house, so those who still are here at least will be in their seats.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is, shall the house go under call? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The house is under call. Members, please record your presence. Those outside the Legislative Chamber, please return. The house is under call. Senator Landis, please check in. Senator Abboud, Senator Ashford. Senator Scofield,