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what the amendment does is change the operative date of the bill from February of next year until June of next year with the purpose of giving us one whole session to deal with the matter again, should that seem appropriate to the body.

SPEAKER BAACK: You have heard Senator Beutler's closing. We will now proceed to a vote on his amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment to the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted. We will now proceed to the bill and the first speaker up is Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I will agree that this is a lot better bill than what we started with. However, I am still not going to support it because I feel that we will put the university in a spot where they will have to carry out the laws of Nebraska, and this will be one of them. They will have to carry out our laws that we pass, and at some times, and this I feel will be the time, unless the NCAA changes their rules, they will be in violation, and I don't think we want to place them in that spot. I agree with Senator Chambers that something has to be done, but I think this is the wrong solution for that problem. I would rather work directly with the NCAA. But with the effective date being delayed until June 1st, it certainly helps it. We will have another legislative session to consider it. Also with Senator Beutler striking part of the bill, I think that would help it, and I would like to have gotten my amendment on that says four other states would have had to take like action or passed a bill something like this before it would take effect. I think that way we would have had the cooperation and the help of four other states. But I just feel that if NCAA don't change their rules, well, then they could issue some sanctions against the University of Nebraska, and I, certainly, don't want that to see... I don't want to see us not being able to televise some of our games. I don't like to see us not being able to go to a bowl game. And so I am going to vote against this bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Chambers, yours is the only light on, do you wish this to be your closing?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Not necessarily because I may need two times