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very briefly, the amendment now includes all athletes as far as looking at the amount of time they have to spend on their respective sports. So I hope you will vote in favor of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler, do you have closing?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, just to briefly indicate again that all we're saying now is that we want the powers that be in athletics to continue to look at the amount of time spent by student athletes in athletic activities. And I don't think we should look upon this amendment as being critical in any respect of our university alone, or in particular of our football program. Dr. Osborne and the people running the program are playing the game by the rules, and they're doing the best job they can under the rules, and I would do the same thing, if I were in their position. But what we're saying is we want people to take a look at the rules as far as how those rules require, by one means or another, student athletes to spend an inordinate amount of time in the programs. And I think it's fair to say the NCAA, I know to a certain extent, is starting to take a look at those time requirements. I think they have reduced them recently. And what we're saying is continue to take a look at that, let's get things back in proportion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We will now proceed to vote on the Beutler amendment to LB 68. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the Beutler amendment? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Madam President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The Beutler amendment is adopted. We will now proceed back to debate on the main bill. And the senators who were requesting to speak in the following order when we left that debate, Senator Nelson, Senator Crosby, Senator Hefner, Senator Chambers, and Senator Haberman. So I'll now recognize Senator Nelson. I'll now go to Senator Crosby. She waives. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President...or Madam President and legislative members, I rise to oppose this bill. I sympathize