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separate entity. Just like the entity that controls the Nebraska high school athletics, it's a separate, nonstate entity. But what reasoning do we have to put the University of Nebraska's football program, or any program in any college in jeopardy through our actions? We don't have any. We don't have any real rationale to do this, because it is not any of our business. It has been said they're going to try to change NCAA, the coaches are. That's fine, that's where it belongs. We have a lot of other issues facing this body that are very, very important, more important than this. So I would urge the body to not support LB 69. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Haberman. I'll now recognize Senator Ashford, followed by Senators Schmit and Will. Senator Ashford. Senator Ashford and Schmit waive. Senator Will. Okay. Does anyone else wish to speak to this motion? Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the body, like Senator Chambers said, I'm going to withdraw this motion. But I do have just a few comments to make. I feel that we would put the University of Nebraska or all universities in Nebraska in a bad spot, if we pass this bill. And I realize it covers all athletes, but I wanted to mention our University of Nebraska football team and program, because I think it's excellent. What right do we have meddling in with our sport programs here in Nebraska? I don't think that's a job for this Legislature to do. And so I would like to urge you and recommend that you vote against this bill. I ask to withdraw this motion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion has been withdrawn. We will now proceed with Final Reading on LB 69. Would the senators please return to their seats. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read LB 69 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 69 pass? All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on pages 777-78 of the Legislative Journal.) 32 ayes, 10 nays, 5 present and not voting, 2 excused and not voting, Madam President.