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SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, just run a roll call vote, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. A roll call vote has been requested. We are voting on the Beutler amendment to LB 243. Mr. Clerk, would you please call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 405-406 of the Legislative Journal.) 19 ayes, 25 nays, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment fails. I will raise the call. Further amendments?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: We're back on the bill and I have several lights on. Senator Chris Peterson, followed by Cudaback, Schimek, Landis, Chambers, Schellpeper, Wehrbein, and Jones. Senator Chris Peterson.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Thank you, Madam Chairman. And I would like to say to Senator Janssen that I apologize for not bringing this issue up with you before. That was something that I just discovered, but I would like to take some time and discuss where my concern is about this. In 1997, LB 476 was passed which removed colleges from receiving PEAP funds, which were regionally ac...which were nationally accredited. The wording was changed to regionally accredited postsecondary institutions. We introduced a bill last year, LB 1031, that would put, would change that wording and this was, again, just for the PEAP scholarships, the state funded scholarships that go to the postsecondary institutions. That bill was amended into LB 1229 that said that a college could use those PEAP funds if they were accredited by a regional accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of Education except for, and then it listed the exceptions. There are three colleges in the state that are negatively impacted whenever the change is from national to regional accreditation. And, again, typically when you receive these funds, if you are an accrediting agency accredited by the United States Department of Education you can receive those funds. The three colleges were Grand Island College, the Bryan School of Nursing, and the Nebraska Christian College in Norfolk. The wording of this bill, and let me