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committee amendment, I want to put this into the record so that it's clear. Passing this bill in its form that the committee amendment will put it into will not jeopardize the university's eligibility. It will not involve violation of any NCAA rule. Even if we passed a law that required the university right now to pay a stipend, the mere passage of the law does not violate an NCAA rule. Until the university does something that is prohibited, the NCAA has no role to play. But the fact that we will allow an academic institution to be controlled by an outside agency lets us know that legislatures have abdicated a lot of responsibility, in the same way that university officials have. But I will explore that aspect on Senator Beutler's amendment. And I suspect that we will adopt the committee amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Vrtiska, do you still waive closing? I would give you that opportunity again.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The only comment I have is that this was added in there with the approval of Senator Chambers, simply because we thought it did exactly...if we were going to have this kind of legislation, it would take care of some of the problems that seem to be with this bill. And of course, it takes away the idea that football players are being hired. It pays them no workers' comp. It doesn't get them into that venue where there would be a great deal of unknown expense. So the purpose of the bill was simply to make...to provide them a stipend. That's the bottom line. With that, thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. The question then is the adoption of the Business and Labor Committee amendment. All in favor please vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 39 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BROMM: The committee amendments are adopted. Members, I'll raise the call. And, Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the