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everybody knows where we are, Senator Beutler has an amendment on the floor that would offer us an alternative to the payment of stipends. That would be to give the universities more discretion to cut the number of hours required of the student athletes. And my amendment simply expresses the sense of the Legislature that this alternative is the preferable alternative. Senator Chambers has indicated that he'll accept this amendment. And with my amendment to Senator Beutler's amendment, I'll support the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Foley. You've heard the closing on FA1193 to AM0743 to LB 688. All in favor of the amendment vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on adoption of the Foley amendment to the Beutler amendment. Have you all voted who care to? The question before the body is the Foley amendment to the Beutler amendment. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Foley's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Foley amendment is adopted. We're back to the Beutler amendment. Discussion on the Beutler amendment to LB 688? There are no lights on. Senator Beutler, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, just to reiterate, again, this amendment provides an alternative. It is not a mandatory alternative. It's a discretionary alternative. It allows the university and suggests to the university that they review and look at the number of hours that are required of athletes. And in this amendment, it's not just football players; it's all athletes. Because those rules that I quoted to you, those NCAA rules about hour limitations in playing seasons and outside of playing seasons apply to all student athletes that are under the purview of the NCAA rules. So it's discretionary. It suggests a little bit different direction than Senator Chambers, in the sense of alleviating the problem by alleviating the requirements on the student athlete. I think that's the better way to go. But if you're not going to go that way, you certainly should be taking