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Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the closing on FA192, offered by Senator Chambers to LB 688. The question before the body is, should that amendment be adopted? All in favor vote aye; opposed nay. The question before the body is adoption of FA192, offered by Senator Chambers to LB 688. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment was adopted. Back to discussion of the bill itself, LB 688. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the body. All along, as I have looked at the bill, I have been concerned about a couple of issues. We just addressed one of my major concerns, was the equity issue for other athletes, and so I'm pleased to see that amendment pass. But I also have a concern about the cost. Now, I understand that we are talking about football receipts funding the program. But right now we have a situation where the football receipts are often underwriting the costs of other sports programs within the system. And that means that we have academic dollars that stay in the academic budget, rather than having to be used for the purpose of underwriting the other sports programs. So if Senator Chambers would respond to a question, I would like to see him address that, if he would.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, would you respond to the question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Redfield, would you ask specifically what you're asking me, so I won't go afield?

SENATOR REDFIELD: I understand that the bill would not take any dollars from the General Fund, that we're not using taxpayer dollars. But would, in fact, this...if it were to come to pass that these stipends were paid, would that mean that any academic