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though. And plenty of others made a significant amount of money. Remember, the dozen or so pulled in over \$20 million. In fact, among the top six football conferences in the country--the Atlantic Coast Conference, the Big East, the Big Ten, the Big 12, Pacific-10, and Southeastern--only three programs within those conferences finished in the red: Wake Forest, Rutgers, and Temple. That's 3 programs out of 62, more than half of the major college football programs. They are successful. They're making a profit. For all 117 Division I-A schools, meanwhile, the figures were these. Average profit by the football program, profit: \$4,970,000. That's the average for all 117 schools. I won't mention the average loss by women's athletics, because there are other minor sports that lost money too. And this article just mentions the loss in the women's athletics program, so I'm explaining why I don't mention that figure, because the argument now is not between male programs, female programs, but the fact that football schools are located, are concentrated Division I. Now, Division I-A constitutes the big schools that have the big programs. Division I-AA are the schools that are somewhat smaller, but they want to make it into Division I-A if possible. Those in Division II are the small schools. They may have hopes and aspirations, but they are not likely to make it into Division I, because there are attendance requirements, stadium requirements, revenue generating requirements, and other things that go along with the business aspect of what we're talking about. But I wanted to put that information in, so people will not think there are just three or four or five or six football schools that are making large amounts of money. Senator Friend was right when he described the NCAA as a monopoly. And I had emphasized that the other day. But they're more than a monopoly; they are a cartel. And that's what the federal courts call the NCAA. That means a group of producers who get together and they try to limit production and artificially raise the prices. But I'm hoping that enough people are here to advance the bill. And that is my closing. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the closing on advancement of LB 688 to E & R Initial. The question before the body is, should the bill advance? All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the