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from high school to college, or from high school to the work force, and some of the situations that they've got themselves into because they weren't afforded the opportunities under the law that they would have been afforded had they moved to other states. And we always talk about, well, we do a great job of exporting our kids to other states, we do a great job of making sure that our work force goes elsewhere right out of college and how we can bring them back. If we aren't going to give them an opportunity to be successful from the time that they graduate from high school and to recognize that they're responsible citizens that we will want to have in our society, it's going to be hard to keep them here. This may be a small first step, but I think this is a responsible first step that we can recognize the problems and come up with a reasoned solution. All of AM3247, the committee amendment, probably is not going to pass this body. I recognize that. But again, it appears that we want to stick our head in the sand and not solve any of the problems, or at least not work through them. And so again, I'm trying to come up with that solution that can take that step forward to address some of the issues that I have expressed to you, but recognize that there are a lot of issues that are in the committee amendment that need to be addressed at some time or another. Finally, I'll go back to what's before us. The committee amendment...or the amendment to the committee amendment simply clarifies that when we move forward that it does not apply retroactively to child support decrees. I would encourage your adoption. And, Mr. President, I would ask for a call of the house.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. You've heard the closing on AM3496. There's been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye, opposed nay. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Unexcused senators report to the Chamber. The house is under call. The house is under call. Unexcused senators please report to the Chamber. Unexcused