

the law says certain things and we all know that, those of us that set the policies and make laws, implementing them evenly depends on evenhanded administration. There is concern that that administration may not be evenhanded, the new administration that comes in may be even less evenhanded and may have not had the interest of building up the program as it has been built up in the last few years. So on the one hand I want to congratulate the University for the changes that they have made. They have come a long ways, I'll give them credit for that. But I want to make certain that they continue the progress. I don't want them to use our budget cuts, number one, to begin to revert. I think that Senator Chambers' resolution should be viewed not only in the context of the Hewitt Center itself...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...but in the context of how the athletes are treated in general. I think it is rather ironic that this resolution comes up the next day after we discuss the budget and cutting the budget for those particular programs. I just want to make certain that at least there is some intent language out here that that budget cut for all athletic programs at higher education in this state doesn't come off the backs and off the shoulders of the female athletes. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We have a few minutes left. I would suggest you keep your remarks succinct so that Senator Chambers will have time to close. Senator DeCamp, then Senator Haberman. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? Now I do. Question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. You are voting on ceasing debate. If you care to, please vote. Senator Chambers, we'll not deduct from your time for this. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 21 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp. Senator Haberman, did you wish to speak on this?