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theory on which we give it, which is to keep the guard at full strength, can come true, you can get past that point and you're still going to be giving more, at that point, more benefit than you'll need to to do the job. And when that moment comes, you're not going to be able to get this money back. There isn't a measure in this bill that ties the tuition to the strength of the guard. In fact, it's simply a long-term permanent entitlement. Now when we gave permanent entitlements in the welfare area, this body put limitations on it. This body said, oh, no, no, no, no, we have to make sure that we can get a way to undo that entitlement. We wring our hands when it's entitlements in other areas, but when it's an entitlement in this area, we're going to do it, what, on 15 minutes debate on February 1st? I got to confess, the bill is going to go. It's probably got 35 votes. I am going to be the only red vote up there, but I'll tell you why I'll be a red vote, and I'll be a red vote because you're creating a 100 percent entitlement that is not related to the need for that entitlement based on the performance of the guard. There should be a provision in this bill that links the percentage or the amount of tuition or some kind of reissue, some two-year or four-year examination, in which the amount of benefit we get and give is necessary to achieve the end of the benefit, which is to keep the guard at full strength. I promise you that with the first downturn of the economy and people looking for work, the guard will be filled with people, whether this benefit exists or not. And on that day, we'll be spending money for something we don't need to spend money for, and we won't be entitled or able to cut back because we will have written it into law in this way. This is a million dollar entitlement. I hope you know what you're doing when you pass it into law with no strings or review attached.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Chair recognizes Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Landis makes some good points. I am caught in some difficulty here, not knowing exactly what to do myself. I think the National Guard strength should be kept up, and I assume many of you attended the breakfast the other morning at which they explained what they had to do. The \$900,000 does bother me. It shouldn't...I think there are two issues, one is the policy