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SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it is possible, when you're dealing with military matters, things that hadn't happened before ever can take place.

SENATOR PREISTER: They can, yes, indeed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Now I will come back to Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek, I agree 100 percent with what Senator Preister said and I could have stated it. But since you had identified him as one who had been to Vietnam, what he says will carry some weight. If the current situation confronting the National Guard and the Army Reserves is different from what has happened in the past, it's not out of the question that we could have a set of circumstances such as I've mentioned here with reference to this...these two positions. And since we are crafting new legislation, would you, since you communicate with the people in the National Guard, ask them is there anything that could be done about mandating...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the four years as a commissioned officer immediately prior to being appointed to this position? In other words, before you can be appointed, even though you hold a rank, if you had not been a commissioned officer for four years immediately prior, you cannot be appointed to this position?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Certainly, Senator, and I'll turn my light on because I'd like to, you know, discuss this a little bit further.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sure. Okay. How much time do I have, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER BROMM: Twenty-five seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, well, okay. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) And while the Legislature is in session and