

SENATOR POWERS: Senator Koch, I would like to ask a question about this exchanging, the accounting for the monies. Is this in any way, shape or form going to reduce the amounts of monies the National Guard has available to do their military function?

SENATOR KOCH: No, I don't anticipate at all, Senator Powers. We are not denying them the enticement of the half cost tuition. The state is still going to furnish them with the money but they are going to pay from there directly to the institution who has provided the service.

SENATOR POWERS: In other words, the state allocates to the National Guard x number of dollars to operate on an annual basis.

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, it was the Legislature who provided that incentive to the National Guard in an attempt to increase the Guard enlistment and to maintain a higher percentage of full complement and that was an incentive offered by this body to the National Guard.

SENATOR POWERS: I understand that and I think it is wonderful but what I am questioning is the extra monies that the educational institutions are attempting to obtain, will that come out of the National Guard's operating budgets so that they will have less guns and whatever?

SENATOR KOCH: The Appropriations Committee appropriates money directly through their proceedings here in the Legislature and that amount of money is appropriated to the National Guard.

SENATOR POWERS: In other words, this is strictly a book-keeping procedure and it will not affect the military strength of the National Guard or the monies provided to them for the military objectives?

SENATOR KOCH: No, it will do nothing to infringe upon the original intent of the Legislature to encourage people to enlist in the National Guard.

SENATOR POWERS: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members, I think it has been pretty well explained. The way I understand it and I will try to make it as simple as possible. There has been an incentive to get young people to join the Guard. They