

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Well, with the cutoff here, we haven't changed the level. It still says 1,200 members and so there is the possibility that you could...that you could sign up more than the 1,200 people. What we are doing here today, at least, is saying when you sign these people up, when they enlist, they have to be notified that there is a chance they are not going to be...they are not going to be funded, and we also ask that they report to us when the appropriations are going to be insufficient. And I think there are some other things that we might consider going beyond this, but we decided for now that perhaps we will start with this. At this point, we maintain that 1,200 level and say you have to be notified that you might not get it. So it shouldn't be handed out as something and then jerked away, with expectations that you are going to get it and then to find out you don't.

SENATOR ROGERS: Well, then in other words, this is something they probably didn't do two years ago, Sandy? I mean when they signed them up they didn't...evidently didn't tell them you might not make it, right?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: My impression is, at least from the members I have talked to, they were at least told, but I don't know if that is a universal policy that is practiced with every recruiter or not. I have not talked with recruiters all across the state but I think it is important we put specific intent language in there so that the student, when they sign up, knows what the basis for this is.

SENATOR ROGERS: All right, thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. I do...Senator Scofield, would you yield to a question to me? It is somewhat like Senator Rogers' but a little different maybe. In October, I had calls from a lot of people, my constituents, people who were in the first semester of school but they were told that the second semester would not be funded. Is this trying to help overcome that happening again?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Yes, it will, Senator Crosby. What I think happened was there was an obvious deficit coming that wasn't addressed, and so then they took money out of this year's appropriation to cover last year's. That caused a greater