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American flag or the State of Nebraska flag, that they may also at the request of a service organization or even an individual for that matter who wants to buy an MIA/POW flag and have that flag flown along with the colors that they are already flying, that person now has authorization to be able to fly such a flag following proper flag protocol in terms of the sequence of the flags in terms of their proper order of the American flag and state flag and then the POW flag or depending on multiple poles, how they do that. We've had several communities who have actually already erected a third pole and are flying a national flag, a state flag and a POW flag even on a separate pole. That's how committed some of these communities are to such an effort, so we also change that to provide for the proper protocol for that flag to be flown and therein lies the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. I'll now recognize Senator Hefner, followed by Senator Dierks.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I support this legislation, but I do have one question I'd like to ask of Senator Conway. Senator Conway, in your research in this bill, is a National Guard member considered a veteran after he or she is discharged from the National Guard?

SENATOR CONWAY: They are considered a veteran as long as they've accomplished more than 180 days of active training and/or a Veteran of Foreign Wars if, in fact, they served in a foreign war during the federally designated time frame, but if that's what you were looking for.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. One more question. In the bill it says or maybe it's an explanation of the bill that says, if a flag is not given. Are there some times when a flag isn't given when a National Guard member dies?

SENATOR CONWAY: Apparently, from the research that was brought forth to me that there is a slim window whereas there are certain National Guard members. For instance our National Guard members who are pulled into active duty now and who then are serving and probably would serve, let's say less than 180 days on active duty and were to be killed in action, they would not be eligible under the strict structure of the law for a flag being bestowed to them or their family at interment.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you, Senator Conway, for your