

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. I will now recognize Senator Robak, followed by Senator Rogers. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I, too, oppose this amendment. I get letters all the time from the veterans overseas because I did write to them, and I got one just the other day that is lamenting the fact that he is over there, would like to be back. He is going to be there a great deal longer because he belongs to the 403rd Military Police, Prisoner of War Camp, which was a battalion detached from my hometown December 6th, and they are going to be there until the prisoners are all taken care of. And believe me, they are going to lose a lot more compensation... a lot more in losses than the state employees. I would like to see the state employees get their just... whatever they deserve, but on the other hand, I don't feel it is fair to my constituents that are serving over in the Persian Gulf area, too. So I just oppose this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Madam President, would Senator Horgan answer a question?

SENATOR HORGAN: You bet.

SENATOR ROGERS: Is this setting a new precedent, Senator Horgan? I mean I have never heard of this before.

SENATOR HORGAN: Well, Senator Rogers, to answer that, in Nebraska, Union Pacific Corporation, all of their employees that were called up from a reservist status received this compensation. Burlington Northern Railroad did it for their employees. Centel Corporation has done it for their employees. There is a whole host of corporations in the State of Nebraska that have done it all for their employees. Across the country, there are hundreds upon hundreds of corporations who made the determination that if their employees were called up from a reservist status to suffer a financial hardship as a result of being called up to defend their country, that they would reimburse them only for that percentage of income that they have lost. So, no, it is not new. We are really not going down new ground and, indeed, as an employee of the State of Nebraska, if