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PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: Right now, there is 300...I believe 390 veterans on a waiting list to go to a veterans' home in the State of Nebraska. If we would administer that across-the-board cut, they're talking about closing a wing which would close 22 of those veteran beds. It's one of those simple questions, I think you have to make is, you know, yes, there's a problem with the people that are directly affected under this bill but there's also a problem with those World War II vets coming of age in veterans' homes that we're going to have more and more trouble finding the money to pay for their care. Now those are people that went and risked life and limb. These people certainly in the Desert Storm situation were more than willing to go over but, at this point in time, how much do you...how much impetus do we need to put on the recruiting end of things? I guess, my thought, if I have to make a choice there, I would rather put money toward those veterans affairs on the back end of the things as opposed to recruiting right now. One could seriously ask the question, how many dollars the state needs to continue appropriating to beef up that program?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR MOORE: A little change like this, I don't think alters it that much and remains the integrity of the program.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Mr. Clerk, you have an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the committee amendments. (The Chambers amendment appears on page 86 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, if you look at the committee amendment, the sentence that I'm striking from the committee amendment is this one. "Such university college or community college shall absorb 25 percent of such tuition in the fiscal year." It touches on the same issue that Senator Scott Moore talked about. Now, before we even get into a discussion of why people are bribed to get into the National Guard, before we start talking about the honor of serving in a war machine, killing people, whether they be women, babies, old people, residents of hospitals or whatever, I want