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student or another number of students to spread tuition over. For sure, the universities and colleges have budgeted with that in mind. But I think everybody is tightening their belts at this time. Everybody has to take a step back and look to see where we can cut and I don't think the college and university system is something that ought to be left out of that. And, yes, I understand that they're getting their across-the-board cuts that they're all absorbing. But I think this is, like I said, I think something that can be absorbed by the different colleges. I think it is spread out over enough of them that it is not a real painful cut. I'm not going to get into the question of whether the guard ought to be...tuition credit ought to be subsidized by the government. That's not the policy decision. But if we're basing the fact that the postsecondary education should not be absorbing any more, I would just call your attention to the fact that Senator Moore has advised us this morning it's 20 percent of our budget. It simply has to absorb some portion of those cuts. And I would suggest that we not use that as a basis for opposing the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, Senator Chambers, even for you this was a wonderfully wide argument that you used today. And I'm not going to get into foreign policy discussions and all of that kind of thing in attempting to refute some of your arguments. What I would like to do is go back a little bit to the thinking of the committee and why we proposed this amendment. First of all, John has...John Lindsay has mentioned one of the...one of the reasons that this amendment came under discussion and that's the cost. So even though we know there are some costs, the committee felt that perhaps the ones...these could be absorbed because they're really on the books and not actual costs sometimes when you add numbers of students. The thing I really want to talk about, Senator Chambers, I guess, is the fact that I looked at this from an educational standpoint rather than a military or foreign affairs standpoint. If you had heard the testimony of some of the guard persons who came before the committee, I think that you would have been interested because many of these young people were given a commitment by the state that their educational classes would be paid for by the state up to so much percentage. And they...these young people that did testify before the committee were not in a position oftentimes to pay their own tuition. They are very much on the margin as