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far as their income is concerned and this tuition was really a godsend to them. And in one case, one young man told us about even though...even with the tuition that he does receive now, he has to sit out a semester to earn enough money to pay back his 25 percent, which he has to take out in loans. So even though the state does pick up a substantial portion of his tuition, it's difficult for him to come up with that 25 percent. And so he's sitting out a semester trying to earn that money so that he can go again next semester. I think...I think that we have to look at the impact on the people who are taking advantage of this, as well as maybe looking at what we believe or don't believe the guard should be doing. I guess, the most telling point with me was the point about we have made a contract with these young people, the state has, and if we want to change the way we're doing business, then we ought to make it in the future. We ought not to punish those, if you will, for a commitment the state's already made and now wants to renege on. We should keep our commitment at least to the young people who went into the guard with the assurance that so much of their tuition would be paid. And if we're going to not accept the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee amendment and accept Senator Chambers' amendment, then I think we ought to reconsider and go back and say at least for those who are already there we're not going to change horses in the middle of the stream. Thank you.

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

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President, and members, I rise in opposition to Senator Chambers' amendment. Unlike Senator Chambers' typical amendments, I think what he has done in this particular twist is left us in little bit of a lurch. What he has done is stricken the absorption factor by the part of the university but didn't include it. So I don't know where that other 25 percent is going to go other than, obviously, it will be a deficit appropriation back to this body, which, in a way, if I was up to chicanery, I would probably support it and walk away from it and say, here's a clever way to actually fund the National Guard tuition assistance program because, ultimately, there is nothing in the statutes by virtue of this amendment that would redirect who pays that other 25 percent. A couple things that Senator Chambers raised that I think are important to consider and that being that I think these students have been bribed. I think when they were originally recruited into the National Guard along with the various benefits that they were