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committee amendment. The adoption of mine would make it even easier to defeat the committee amendment. When this talk is made, as Senator Schimek did, about a contract, there is no contract guaranteeing these people who join the National Guard that they're going to continue getting a bonus. You can say that an inducement was offered but anything that the Legislature puts into the statute can be changed by the Legislature. When you're given something extra, something beyond your compensation, it is a bonus and you have no assurance of continuing to get that bonus for the full time you're associated with the National Guard. So these people took the chance, they rolled the dice. If they got into the National Guard for the purpose of trying to go to school, then I think they used the National Guard for purpose other than that for which the guard exists. But I would like to ask Senator Schimek a question because she says she is looking at it from the standpoint of the educational aspect, not the military. So, Senator Schimek, I would ask you this question, if what I say is true about the National Guard really being an arm of the federal government, funded 90 or more percent by the federal government, that the federal government decides when they train, where they train and whatever else it wants to do, and can overrule anything the state wants, if that is true, what other federal program do you know on the same basis that the state pays people to participate in?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Chambers, I won't answer that as directly as you would like me to answer that. I would simply say that there are a number of functions that the National Guard performs here in the state and I think it's going to be more and more so as the military responsibilities decline all over the world. We're going to see the National Guard doing things more to help us here in this state, recover from weather occurrences or to help in many ways that the National Guard is called to do. So I don't...I mean, I'm not answering your question but I guess I don't see a real need to answer your question, because I think that we have use for the guard.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, Senator Schimek, if I may pursue the line of discussion that you brought up in your comment just now, even before the U.S. military...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...was being scaled back, what did the