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federal government. If the federal government withdrew the amount of money that it puts into the National Guard, the National Guard would no longer exist. The best you could come up with then would be these militias that they had during the time of the American Revolution where you have these people gather whatever weapons they could and come out on the green and go through their routines as long as they felt like it. When they got tired or if they didn't want to show up, they didn't have to. So that's what you would have. The National Guard, in reality, is a national operation. Why don't they call it the State Guard? Because the state does not control it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The state, by giving this extra bonus, is giving money to try to entice more people to join a federal program. I think that if you defeat my amendment, you ought to defeat the committee amendment too. But if you adopt my amendment, if you adopt my amendment, you will ensure the defeat of the committee amendment. In fact, if you adopt my amendment, then I think Senator Conway would join you in saying, we should defeat the committee amendment. But whichever way you vote on this one, the committee amendment must die.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. We will now vote on the amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 5 ayes, 19 nays on the amendment, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment to the amendment fails. I will now recognize debate on the committee amendments. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'm opposed to the committee amendment. And the way we would defeat it is by either voting no or not voting at all because it will require 25 affirmative votes. I think the discussion has been on the issue more or less, more by some of you and less by me. But in the process of giving my views on this subject in general, that is the military, I believe that I have discussed the other aspects of it too. I don't know why anybody would see this bonus as the main reason people join the National Guard if, at the same time, they're going to laud the