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I guess yet to be determined. Obviously, in my opinion, if we do not increase General Fund appropriation by that amount, the institutions will simply have to find it someplace else. I guess I have to sit and think about...probably today I am going to vote for the bill, but I think we need to revisit what it is we want to do with the bill, and probably move it on now, but may well be voting no on Select File.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Mr. Clerk, a motion on the desk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, this bill is bad enough to be fought. And I think it is appropriate, since it is a military bill, that there be a battle on it. I don't care how long we stay here this special session, and on serious policy issues, such as this, I don't think they ought to be made during a special session when we have such a few days, especially when one of the dominant aspects of the committee amendment, as adopted, never was subject to a public hearing. Never. So those who would be interested in and affected by this committee amendment never had the opportunity to address it. I know that has not been a reason for not adopting amendments in the past, but I am offering every reason I can think of as to why this committee amendment ought not to have been adopted. I think we need to consider it over again, and that is why I offered my motion. I don't think that it is wise to take the step that has been taken by the adoption of the committee amendment. The problem with where we stand now is that if the bill is not enacted, then the current system of the 75 percent subsidy will continue in operation, which is something that I do not want to see. I do not want to see become law what now is found in LB 10. Senator Ashford had asked me to state briefly what my understanding of the bill is. With the adoption of the committee amendment, whatever the tuition amount is at any state-supported school in this State of Nebraska, if a person belonging to the National Guard, attends that school, that person puts up 25 percent of his tuition, the state puts up 50 percent, and whichever school the person attends, puts up the other 25 percent. If I have not correctly stated it, then there is somebody who will correct me.