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this program so it will hasten a reevaluation of the entire kettle. If this bill does not pass, nothing changes in this program. The number of people who can benefit from it will continue to be limited, but the total 75 percent of tuition, no matter what that is at the individual school, will continue to be paid by the state. I hope that you will vote for this reconsideration motion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I am going to support the motion for reconsideration. Time, after time, after time over the years we stand on this floor and we pursue savings for the State of Nebraska. We are told that if we go the route of amendment 10, we save \$300,000. What a bundle of money out of the budget for the State of Nebraska. The amazing thing about it is this, that a number of individuals have signed agreements, in effect, when they signed up and joined the National Guard, and those agreements ought to, in my opinion, be binding. If the committee amendment said that from this point forward that we would not participate in the tuition credits to the extent that we had previously, but rather that we would proceed only on the basis of a \$500 per year cap, I would consider that. But when we reneged upon those agreements which we have signed previously, I really find that difficult to take. It is amazing to me that we can always find it in our hearts to strike down those agreements which impact upon the "little guy." I do not want to get into the kind of situation here where we embark upon class warfare, but I am handing out for your perusal copies of the legislative debate that goes back to April 28th, 1987. My good friend Vard Johnson sat behind me where I believe Senator Pirsch sits today. He and I engaged in a dialogue relative to LB 775. Now I want to point out that I have said for the record that I do not want to repeal 775, and I do not. You will recall that I put an amendment on 775, and that amendment has turned out to be somewhat costly. You will recall that Senator Chambers and I engaged in somewhat of a lengthy debate on that bill, and whether it was by chicanery or otherwise, I happened to prevail in that debate. Senator Chambers and I will discuss that sometime further, I am sure, on this floor, but the facts were that 775 became law in basically the form that it was proposed. Now according to the record, I am going to read from the record because I put this out in a news release. Not one single newspaper, radio station, or TV station thought it fit to print. It is quoting from Senator