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reconsider? We are voting on a motion to reconsider the committee amendments, have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 6 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the motion to reconsider the vote on the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion is adopted. Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam Chairman, and members, Chairperson. A bit of confusion I think has been raised by the reconsideration. I assume we are back to the committee amendments and I would like to reoffer the committee amendments, primarily on the fact that now Senator Bohlke has an amendment filed relative to the committee amendments, which I think addresses, and it was something the committee did not...we talked about but we did not advance it at the time because the issue in front of us was how to deal with the current status, figuring that any future changes in policy certainly could be handled in the 1993 regular session, and so anything that we do at this point could have just as easily been handled then under a normal process but if, in fact, by virtue of Senator Bohlke's offering at this point of her amendment, which will be coming up in just a second, might clarify, satisfy some of the concerns that are out here in terms of the future policy decision. My biggest concern and what we worked up was not to have the students, National Guard students, that we enticed into the National Guard, that we offered a particular package of benefits should they join the National Guard, to pull that rug out from underneath them, very much what I heard Senator Schmit alluding to a little bit ago was pulling the rug for what is done in the past but not tying the hands of future legislators. But the fact that we do have this ongoing relationship with these 1,100 and some that are out there now, that continually cycle through, graduate and drop off, if we, in fact, want to treat new recruits differently under a different policy decision, I am certainly open for that. My biggest concern at this point was to save the state 300 and some thousand dollars. We picked 1,100 people who we made promises to and put that 340 some thousand dollars on their back when, in fact, we could take it on the back...and, in essence, it will work its way back to the General Fund of the State of Nebraska by virtue of putting it on the university or the state college system, but by the same token, I also think and I will reiterate again that if, in fact, we were to go back to the original bill or some other