

September 28, 1992 LB 10

supporting the bill, and have no problem with it. I, myself, there's been much ado made about the administrative difficulty of having a \$500 threshold. I think that could certainly be overcome without a great deal of difficulty. But, granted, a straight percentage would be simpler, and everybody could then do it. And so, I mean, if this is the compromise, I certainly support it, even though I'd actually prefer the bill in its pristine form.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, I rise reluctantly in opposition to the amendment. Now I understand why Senator Wehrbein and I were talking at cross purposes a while ago, because I thought the amendment was going to do something different than it's actually doing. I thought the amendment was going to say that for those in the guard, they would...there would be no change in the agreement that they went into the guard with, but only those that entered after July 1993 would there be the reduction in the amount of tuition that they received. So, very reluctantly, because I thought I was agreeing to something that I could support, I'm going to vote against the Bohlke amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I also rise reluctantly, and am still a bit hesitant in taking a specific stance, although I know I'm going to have to very shortly. But as we've discussed in the past, one of the things that the committee attempted to do was go along with and provide some kind of a budget cutting aspect of what we did. And I think that if it had not been for the committee's desire, at the time of the hearing, to, yes, let's try to do our part to the best of our ability to provide some kind of a cut and some kind of a contribution coming to our committee, we could have done this at the time, although I don't think we would have done this in committee, because I think the mind of the committee, at that time, also was, one, we felt that there was a commitment made by the state and we allowed the National Guard to make to the recruits that they have brought in over the years that there was a 75 percent tuition credit. A guards member could care less where that 75 percent comes from. His concern is that that means he has a 25 percent personal commitment himself. And so our alteration was away from that particular aspect. Another