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SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator Schrock just underlined the point I've been trying to make all afternoon. This is a National Guard, not state. The federal government controls it, so why are we spending money to entice people into a federal operation? What other federal program, as I asked Senator Schimek earlier, do we pay state money for the purpose of bringing people into it? Not one. Senator Ashford said Medicaid. But they're not going to say because you don't have so many sick people you no longer have Medicaid in your state. But, as Senator Schrock said, they can pull the National Guard out. So if you've got to bribe people to be in the National Guard, they don't want to be in it for the purpose of it anyway. I'd like to ask Senator Schrock a question, because he seems to really be in favor of the National Guard and he might...can answer this one.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schrock, what is the penalty imposed on a person who signs up for a particular, for a specific term with the National Guard and that person reneges on that agreement and leaves the guard? What is the punishment imposed on that person?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I can't tell you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Can anybody? Does anybody even know if there's a punishment? Then somebody...Senator Wesely said you can become Vice President. People don't even know what the National Guard is. People don't know what the National Guard does. But everybody, not everybody but a lot of people are saying we've got to keep the National Guard. Let's say that there is no National Guard in this state, and there is a flood, and the flood is of sufficient magnitude to have this area that the floor took place declared a disaster area. What happened in Florida when their National Guard was totally incapable of dealing with the situation? They got federal help. Whether it was good or not, I don't know. Whether it accomplished what it was sent for, I don't know. But there would be federal help available. I don't know of a time when a flood struck this state when the National Guard was the difference between people surviving or not surviving. Nebraska, to my knowledge, has not had an earthquake yet, nor a hurricane, or a typhoon. There