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proposals I have seen here today either transfer the obligation of the State of Nebraska to our colleges and universities, or they weaken the ability of the National Guard to recruit. And I don't think we need to do either one of those, so I see very little purpose in trying to advance LB 10.

SPEAKER BAACK: Discussion on the motion to bracket? Senator Haberman. Senator Wehrbein, on the motion to bracket.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members, briefly, I oppose the bracket. I guess if this is going to be controversial, we just as well kill the bill. But, in effect, this may not...will kill the bill. But I think we need to consider that we're trying to give some advanced warning on this so it's fair. And that's, I think, what's going to happen to a lot of the proposals that we make. The further out you try to predict and provide some continuity and provide some understanding of what we're trying to do, the more controversial they become, because it looks like we have time to react. And this is probably one of those as we look out ahead and say we're going to do this, then we have resistance to doing that and we try to change it, make it more palatable or not drop it at all. But we're going to have to make some decisions like this. I think Senator Bohlke's compromise is very reasonable. It may be more reasonable than the original one proposed by the Appropriations Committee in terms of fairness. It does follow the federal reserve...or U.S. Army Reserve in what they offer at 50 percent, a tuition credit. Don't forget that there also other tuition assistance and other forms of assistance available for people to...from the federal level. I don't have them in front of me at this point, but there are others. Many of them are using both. And whether or not we're supposed to talk about patriotism and other things, it would be my hope in Nebraska that many would want to join the National Guard the same reasons they have for the last 50, or 100 years, or however old it is, to help and serve their fellow man, one of the family values, if you will. And I understand that this ought to be a good incentive. But on the other hand, I think it's a reasonable compromise. And I would oppose the bracket.

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

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Speaker Baack and members. I guess I would like to take a second to try to answer a couple of Senator Chambers' questions by virtue of the fact that I think