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SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. Speaker, members, I rise in opposition to the bracket motion. Senator Schrock said that he hasn't seen anything so far that would not cause a cost to the universities, or diminish the ability of the National Guard to recruit. One, this does not have a cost to the universities; two, I do not see this as diminishing the ability of the National Guard to recruit. We are simply...we are honoring a commitment for one year. But starting next July 1st we make the National Guard the same as the Army Reserve. They offer 50 percent, the National Guard will offer 50 percent. I do not see how this will greatly diminish their ability to recruit. We have all said that we are here in this session and we will all share in the pain. This may be the first of a bracket motion we're going to see, if it's going to be regarding MIRF funds, college and university, pregnant women, wards of the court, or the National Guard. We are here because we've said we all have to share in the pain. And I still believe any student going to college with the offer of a 50 percent tuition credit is a good enticement and a good program, and certainly points out how we value those young people in the National Guard. It has nothing to do with how we value the commitment of those young people, it has a great to do with what we can afford. Thank you.

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

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to oppose Senator Schrock's bracket motion. I understand the frustration that the supporters of the...well, I shouldn't say...I support the guard as well. But, as Senator Bohlke mentioned, I mean if you're here to talk about reducing budgets or adjusting, however you want to do it, there's only so far you can go without inflicting pain upon someone and you have to make some decisions upon that. And basically this bill came about, as you remember the Governor originally introduced his total budget package to the Legislature, and to the state. Some of the problem that some members of the body had with that measure was the measure of the wards of the court, measure...you know, some of the Medicaid situations. So, if you don't want to make those cuts, you need to come up with another way to try and cut the budget to make things work. If you don't like this one, obviously there's...LB 1 is a bill that about anything in the world, upon a budget reduction, is applicable to. Unfortunately, most times when you don't want to reduce budgets, you simply have to change the statute to make it work. LB 10 is one such thing. I don't think it's...for the reasons Senator Bohlke stated, I don't