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think it's an unreasonable policy in any way, shape, or form. If you don't want to make this reduction then there's other ones we can certainly talk about and we can go on from there. I think it's a...this was a well thought out, it's something that we've talked about for years. I think as Senator Bohlke stated her amendment actually would have the guard the same as the reserve. I urge the body to...let's vote on the bracket motion. If the bill doesn't have enough votes to advance, doesn't have enough votes to advance we'll have to go on from there either later this session, or next January to come up with ways to balance the budget. But I'd simply ask for the defeat of the bracket motion and a quick vote on the Bohlke amendment and see if we have the horses to move this one across.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Crosby, on the motion to bracket.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. As I sat here and listened to all the arguments about bracketing or not bracketing, which seems to be the question at the moment, I got interested in the history of the National Guard because Senator Chambers started my thinking about it. And I think if you look on pages 537 through 40, in your Blue Book, you do get the history, the mission. And he is correct, much of the fiscal support to the Nebraska National Guard comes from federal sources. And it goes on to explain where that money comes from, what it's used for. And the history of the Adjutant General goes clear back to 1864, when the Legislature authorized establishment of the Office of the Adjutant General for the territory of Nebraska, and it was continued when we became a state. National Guard, Nebraska National Guard does fit in and work with civil defense. And, yes, I remember in 1949 when Governor Val Peterson called out the guard and they had the famous hay lift and dropped hay to the cattle in the Sandhills because, literally, they couldn't get anything to eat. And also back in what we think of as the good old days, in the thirties and forties, the Republican River went out regularly and drowned a lot of people, did a lot of damage, and the National Guard, Nebraska National Guard was part of that effort. I think the Nebraska National Guard was part of the effort, recently, in Crawford, within the last year because a large part of its mission has become civil defense. But also, way back, and this continues the thought of the federal influence, they were called to wars. And a good friend of mine in high school was called to go to the Philippines in 1940 and '41 and ended up in the death