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of people waiting to get into the National Guard. The National Guard has never been an organization...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...which drew people simply because they wanted to do good work for the state and the federal government. There was always a different motivation, and it's why guard groups all over the country have trouble filling their compliments, unless and until there is the likelihood of the possibility of going into a shooting war, or being drafted, or put in the regular military. Senator Bohlke's amendment is the only alternative that you have to LB 10 in its original form. To defeat her amendment does nothing more than leave LB 10 with a \$500 cap. If Senator Haberman were here near his mike, but the time...how much time do I have, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER BAACK: Ten seconds, nine...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Haberman, if somebody can run 100 meters in 10 seconds, can you go 20 meters in 10 seconds? Well, you're too slow, it's over.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I hate rising this often. I don't enjoy talking at the microphone, and occasionally when an issue like this comes up I get cornered into it. But I don't mean to be wasting the body's time. I was misunderstanding Senator Bohlke's amendment when it was offered in a verbal fashion. I was under the assumption, originally, and this is where I was kind of waffling on whether I support it or not. Now that I know what it is, I am very much opposed to the amendment. I was under the assumption, when it was offered originally, that what it was, was that any recruit who was recruited into the National Guard after July 1, 1993, benefits would be 50 percent because we have plenty of time to tell them that their benefits would be only 50 percent, and that we would adhere to the promise we made to all the others. I now find out that the way it is written, that as of July 1, 1993, any and all recruits, as well as the old ones that we made commitments to fall back to that 50 percent status. I suspect that there's many people in the Nebraska National Guard, given the potential of being called up and being subject to that call up, being called up by the Governor as well as federal, that would