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probably be a whole lot better off joining the reserves and never joined the National Guard, because they would get the same educational benefits but not be near as subject to being called up. Most of the reserve units in most cases are not full compliments of trained troops with separate battalions and designed in such a way they can be called up as a unit, they're only called up as individuals in most cases. And I can't fathom why anybody would join the National Guard if they had any interest at all in one of these programs, and would obviously, I think, move towards a reserve component instead. But my feeling, basically, has been from the beginning was that those people who we recruited said come into the National Guard, we allowed them to do it, that was the program on hand, that they would get a 75 percent tuition support base upon that recruitment, that we ought to live with that obligation. And then if, in fact, and I have to swallow to even move to that 50 percent following Senator Schrock's concern in terms of what does it do for recruitment for that other group. But I would consider that a compromise that in the future we're only going to have a 50 percent support base, but not abridge that commitment that we made to those people who are already, and most of them are probably half way through their educational program, assuming that they're going to have this kind of support for their tuition. Now that percentage varies considerably. In some cases a lot of these students are in technical programs that maybe are not that expensive. But, if you look on the sheet, you'll see people that are in the Med Center, you'll see people that are in professional capacities. And, as I said earlier, these are the kinds of people which for the most part have made a commitment to Nebraska, if nothing else a long-term commitment. I guess, if this particular twist and this change came on, I would like to see it amended to the point where those people then have the ability to back out of that obligation because the state has not followed through on their end of it. But I oppose the Bohlke amendment and would just as soon LB 10 not advance in the green form and/or in Senator Bohlke's form of that amendment.

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

SENATOR MOORE: Question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on ceasing debate.