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committee, they would prefer a percentage rather than the original \$500 cap. There seemed to be a lot of questions and confusion as to how it stands now and how it will be in the future, which we can answer, and I know Senator Schimek and I can both answer if people continue to have questions in understanding that. Thank you.

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

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think a man's word is important. When these students signed up or enlisted in the National Guard they were told, for that 6 year period, they could have education assistance in the percentage of 75 percent for their education for that 6 year period. Now if I signed up in August and planned on going to UNL for 6 years, and it was understood that the State of Nebraska would pay for 75 percent of my tuition, and now it's September and the Legislature is in session and they're going to change the rules, I've still got a 6 year commitment, but I'm not going to get 75 percent of my tuition paid for, like the State of Nebraska said they were going to do, I'm only going to get 50 percent. I think a person's word should be good. Senator Schimek's proposal is reasonable. It says that any new recruits signing up after this law goes into effect shall receive 50 percent. But at least it says our word is good in what we promised these people when they enlisted in the National Guard that they would get 75 percent of their tuition paid for. It's a breach of contract to do anything other than to pass the Schimek amendment. I don't like the total bill to start with. But at least we should keep our word to these students. It's ridiculous because they cannot, you know, unfortunately for them, they cannot back out of their enrollment. So I think this is a commitment we have made to these students. And to do anything less is a breach of contract. If I was one of these individuals who enlisted in the National Guard, I think I'd find me an attorney.

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

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, obviously when we get into the budget cutting sessions, as less than half the body remember the last time we were there, and I actually wasn't, I was a staff person then, there's always the frustration on what can you do to affect the budget without breaking some promises. There's very little things you can do. I mean we're breaking