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oppose the bill. I know we are all here to cut the budget and I know that we all have our own little agendas and little areas that we like to protect, and I would like to go on record as stating that the National Guard is one of mine, tuition assistance is one of mine. I admire Senator Crosby and Senator Chambers for doing their fine work on achieving their goals yesterday, and I wish I had the endurance and the fortitude and the help to do this same thing on my little project here. For the past two years I was invited to tour the National Guard facilities in Ft. Carson, Colorado, and I did so for three days each year. I ate with the guards; I worked with the guards; I was out on the field with the guards; I did everything with the guards except sleep with them. I was not here when Senator Landis may have clarified some points for me and when he was Chairman of the Government Committee, however, I do feel that of all the tuition assistance that we have in the State of Nebraska, I feel this is a minuscule one as far as the budget goes, and I oppose cutting this aid to our National Guards. I also would like to say that I just came back from Hawaii, and during the hurricane, the National Guards were there doing a great job of not only keeping looters away and supporting those in the disaster, but they worked around the clock feeding those affected by the disaster. They did the same thing in Hugo, Hurricane Hugo in St. Croix and St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and so forth, and also in Florida. So they do do a little more than just sit and sleep and let us sleep at night. I would just like to be on record as I oppose any cut in the National Guards' assistance program, tuition program, and I oppose the amendment and I oppose the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you. I would like to give my time, first, to Senator Haberman.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, words can be interpreted several different ways. May I have the hammer, please? May I have the gavel, please?

SENATOR CONWAY: I am sorry, Senator Haberman. What was your question?

SENATOR HABERMAN: I would like to have the gavel to see if I