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can get somebody to listen to what I have to say, including the Speaker who is sitting in the Chair.

SENATOR CONWAY: I will ask the Chamber to be quiet enough so that you can speak. Go ahead.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Words can be interpreted anyway individuals want them to be interpreted. You can lay a word or a sentence or an amendment out there and somebody can get up and twist it and turn it and make it mean something that the intent doesn't mean. The courts have held that the intent of a piece of legislation or a bill that the Legislature put in the record is good enough, and they have ruled on the intent, not on the words. So when people stand up here and badger, in my opinion, an amendment such as this on words, you can do that with any amendment. Anybody can stand up and say, well, now this might mean this, or this might mean that. The intent is what is important, so I wholeheartedly support Senator Schimek's amendment and I say to Senator Schimek, leave it the way it is, the intent is in the record and it is going to be okay.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Schimek, you still have some time left.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I would like to just address the issue of what we should be doing. That really isn't the issue here because we have already adopted a policy that will provide 50 percent tuition, but I did have my staff do a little research about what other states are doing, and I think I would like to share that with you today, even though that's information as of 1988, that is the newest information that we could get, even though in some of these programs they have some variation from what our program does, and even though we are not certain that all of these states were individually contacted because the Nebraska Guard said they didn't remember being contacted. However, they happen to be...the information happens to be accurate on Nebraska. In nine states, those states pay 100 percent of tuition for their guard members. In three states, including Nebraska, the guard pays or they...75 percent of the tuition is paid. In seven states, 50 percent of the tuition. In eleven states, they do nothing, and in 18 states, including Kansas, there is a variety of grants and scholarships, and some of those federal, some of them state. So it is a little bit difficult to make any clear analysis. And also Michigan and Oregon, it isn't known what