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might happen in this state. Now it is easy if we don't have a flood, if we don't have a riot, to laugh about that role and snicker at the guard, and say all of the things that we have read and heard said. But it is of the highest sound policy for the State of Nebraska to do what is within our economic capability to ensure that that readiness force is, indeed, properly manned, properly trained, and the highest, most able quality of citizen that we are able to attract. So while it is probably necessary to change the tuition assistance program in the light of the situation we are in now, it is also comparably probably not in the long range best interest of the state when you consider the amount of money we are talking about, \$340,000 is what I have been told.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: That is all I am going to say on the subject. Thank you.

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

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, as a former guardsman, I would also like to say something. I will not even try to equate the type of duty that I was assigned compared to that of someone like Senator Conway who served overseas during the Vietnam War, but it is a tremendous obligation. The thing that bothers me here is that when the people who have enlisted in the National Guard for a six-year term, were laid out the plans of what their educational benefits would be, and now we are changing on them in midstream, and I think that is inappropriate. I guess that is why I was hoping the Schimek amendment would have passed. I think we made a commitment to these individuals that in their six years of enlistment that they would have 75 percent of their tuition paid, and now we are trying to change that in midstream. I talked to a recruiter from North Platte who said that because of this discussion two people that he was supposed to swear in this week had declined to join the guards. I think we will have a negative impact on the guards. I think what we are doing is penny wise and dollar foolish. Our enlistments will probably decline a little. I don't know how much. The federal dollars coming into the state to support the guard will, therefore, also decline. I think what we are doing is kind of a sad day for the