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different there. They're our responsibility totally.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I would just simply say if there is a way to work this out so that we can have it subject to the strength, if there's a way to look at that, I would be receptive. I am going to vote for it at this time. I do believe the Governor and us need a strong National Guard in the state of Nebraska, and I know that the way we're going we stand to lose some slots, dropping our reserve numbers if we don't keep our numbers up. I think that needs to be looked at. On the other hand, another 900,000 dollar hit is going to be very difficult come late May to resolve this because we are going to have some others come along that we are going to want to fund. I think it just at this point and philosophically understand that what we do now has an impact come May. If you advance these, well and good, but we will have an...have some tough decisions come May.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Schimek, Crosby, Chambers, Chris Peterson, Jensen, Janssen and Vrtiska.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Lieutenant Governor Maurstad, members of the Legislature, I also wanted to extend a cautionary note. I guess sitting in on Appropriations Committee so far has affected my mentality a little bit. Starting with the Governor's budget, this Governor has done like the previous Governor has done, as have previous Governors, and it seems to be more, and more, and more, and it is they figure out how they want to spend all the money, and then there is a little pittance left over for A bills, and for the freshmen, of course, A bills means all of those bills that are related to new legislation or to new ideas or to statutory changes that require more spending. So the Governor goes through, and the Appropriations Committee goes through, and we give some additional money to all the existing programs, and now the Governors, and I am speaking generally about Governors, not about any particular one, now they've kind of taken to also kind of taking up all the A bill money because