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SENATOR C. PETERSON: ...understanding that the national accreditation met the standards that they had...they had, and they were approved by the Department of Education. At that point, they didn't need to go through the process. But I can find out a better answer for you at that...if you'd like.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you very much. I appreciate your answers and your response, Senator Peterson. At this time, I guess I would encourage that we not support the Peterson amendment. I, myself, would like to do a little bit more research in this area. It's kind of outside my area of expertise and I don't know that much about accreditation and I would like to explore the idea a little bit more. So I would urge the defeat of the Peterson amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chris Peterson.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: To close?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: No, you have the next light on. There are other lights.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Oh. No, I'll pass.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Coordsen. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I don't support the Peterson amendment, but I would like to speak just a little bit about the bill, if I might. There have been a number of references made to the size of the fiscal note and that it being a million dollars or whatever the figure was. I looked at it. I would suggest that there's something else in tuition that we probably...if...if the million dollars becomes an issue, that there's a program that bears no relationship to any well-defined state policy, and I think it's been explained quite well on the floor of the Legislature, the dual role that the members of both branches of the National Guard in Nebraska have. It's our Governor's only standing force to be used in any of the types of missions that have been explained on the floor of the Legislature. However, having said that, for a number of years I introduced legislation that would have repealed the