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the purpose for which it was put on is long gone. People need to think about what you're doing, 'cause I'm going to bring it back to you in the latter days when I'm in my mocking, ridiculing, scornful mode.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Seeing no other lights on, Chair recognizes Senator Janssen, to close on LB 243.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of the Legislature, sitting in a committee hearing and listening to some of the...the young people who came in to testify on this bill, one particular individual comes to my mind. She was a young, young lady, probably in her early twenties, who had been a member of the guard for I think about four years, and she expressed the willingness to learn in a college. She wanted to better herself, her position in the world, and apparently had...had not the finances to go to school. She had listened to her older brothers and sisters talk about how they had...how they had joined the National Guard and received the credits for college. She went on to say that she had thought she would probably stay in the guard for quite some time. She enjoyed what she was doing there and she was finishing her college education with the 50 percent reimbursement; that it would have been a lot easier the other way, but she said this at least gave them something. Now, her brothers and sisters had taken advantage of the 75 percent, and how much easier it was for them at that...in...when they were going to school than it was for her, although she wasn't complaining. She said 50 percent is better than nothing. Yes, it is. But, while we've had this in place, our enlistments have declined. They have declined in Nebraska. They've declined in other states. Other states have seen...seen what would happen if it was raised. They went ahead and did that and, in some states, their recruitment worked to such a great advantage that their enlistment was up to full strength. I would like to see that happen in this state. I would like to see our enlistments at full strength because, if it does, it does bring more federal money into the state and, as Senator Chambers said, that money does go round and round. Yes, it does. That's the case. You know, every dollar, you know, you check and watch how the dollars move in your community and if they stay in that, how many times they turn in that community