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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, I would close if I.... Am I the last.... Mr. Speaker, am I the last to close?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein, you are.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And I can close on....

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: If you would like to treat this as your closing, I don't see any other lights, you may treat this as your closing.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: All right. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. So it's perfectly clear to everyone, this is a \$300,000 increase each year. I've made those motions on other...comments on others; this is that. And I will also declare to you that this is not necessarily a position I will support come May, if we decide that the money is an issue. And we will discuss...make those discussions next week. On the other hand, I am sincere about this amendment to the point...because of the point that I believe we need a good, strong National Guard in Nebraska. This is a way to face that demand and that need. I think it is a good consensus compromise amendment in terms of the cost and what, hopefully, it will do. But we will still have time to react. If you look at the handout, I didn't have that in front of me when I made my statement. It actually can propose perhaps as high as 260 increase. Once again, these are estimates, and so it might not work out exactly that amount, if 900,000 was used. The dilemma we have, if you recall, in the bill that if we do not continue to keep our strength at what it should be in Nebraska, we stand to lose those positions permanently. So I do believe myself, personally, it's important for us to maintain that strength in the Nebraska Guard system and get back to full strength. This will allow us to get on that trail. And, hopefully, within a year, if not...within two years, if not within a year, we can see if this is working. So I urge you to support this amendment and let it take its place, come May, among many other choices and options that you're going to have to select, much of which we'll get into next week in the discussion on the budget.