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SENATOR JOHNSON: Senator Cudaback, members of the body, I rise to support Senator Schimek's floor amendment here. And as I looked around the room, much to my surprise, as best I can tell, that even though it's been 35 years since I was deployed in the international situation, I think that Senator Preister and I are the last two in the Chamber to have this experience. There were some things that I remember distinctly about this. And I think that Senator Schimek's amendment does address these, and they needed to be addressed. A couple of weeks ago, I attended a send-off for the National Guard unit in Kearney. This has become a rather common thing around the state of Nebraska. And there's every reason to think that these National Guard units are going to be continuously deployed for as long as we can look into the future. The one thing that I remember from talking to a psychiatrist when I was in the service is this, is the two worst times for both the military person and his dependents, there's two bad times; when they're deployed, and when they come back. You have all of the changes within families, under both occasions, and it seems to me that we don't need to add the possibility of financial burdens at the same time. One of the things that we commonly see when we see where the US Congress increases their salaries, it's because they say they maintain two places and go back and forth. And this is absolutely right. But here we're talking about ordinary people that we're asking to make big changes in their lives as well, and they don't have the couple of hundred thousand dollar salary, plus the other benefits, to do this. So I don't think this affects very many people. But I don't think that we need to add to the financial burden of these people under these circumstances. So with that, I will yield the rest of my time to Senator Schimek. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, you have about two minutes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. And thank you, Senator Johnson. I only have a couple of minutes, but am I also the next speaker?

SENATOR CUDABACK: You are, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. I want to just mention a couple of things. When Senator Johnson mentioned deployment, it reminded