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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schimek, did you get an answer to that first part about the double-dipping?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. The Adjutant General is paid with federal funds whenever he or she is on duty for the federal government, whether active or not. But if that happens, then the amount of state funds diminishes. In other words, the salary is capped. So if the feds end up paying more of that salary than normally anticipated, the state funding goes down. So there's no double-dipping.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So this language about unpaid leave or paid leave is now confusing to me. If the Adjutant is going to be paid by the federal government while under federal orders, carrying out a federal function, the state salary goes on even if what the federal government were going to pay is more than the Adjutant would receive under a prorated state amount for that period of time. Is that confusing, what I said?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No. And I see why you're asking the question. It's...it is a question of maybe defining unpaid leave, perhaps. But the upshot is that the Adjutant General is never going to get more than the stated salary, depending on...regardless of where those funds come from. That's not going to happen. But I see why you're...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How do we know that?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...asking the question. Because that's what I was told, Senator. (Laugh) I mean, that's the way it works.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That ain't good...excuse me.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That isn't?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That isn't satisfactory to me, because we are creating new law. And what I want to know is whether there is some place in the law that states that the only amount...I meant that the Adjutant General may not receive more than a certain amount, in the same way the constitution binds the legislators.