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sorry. You've heard the opening on FA1463, offered by Senator Chambers to LB 963. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Beutler, followed by Senators Schimek and Chambers. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I share Senator Chambers' feelings and Senator Vrtiska's feelings, in that generally I think this bill is a very good thing. It's based on a federal law, and is adapting that law to apply to certain state situations. And I too wanted to be sure that we understood completely how this is going to work. And in particular, I have two or three questions. But for openers, Senator Vrtiska, maybe it would be right if I started with you. And I'm asking these questions because I don't understand, and I do want to be able to put this together. But my first question has to do with language that appears three or four places in the bill, that talks about the fact that certain things will go into effect once a period of 30 days has been reached. Looking back at the language in the federal law, the language that appears is always "30 consecutive days." And to my less than knowledgeable mind in this area, it seemed to me that that made some sense, in that these...most of these rules would seem to be intended to apply where there's been some kind of long-term absence from the home of the soldier. But nowhere in this bill does it say consecutive days, which leaves open, it seems to me, the opportunity of piggy-backing a 10-day period here and a 5-day period there with a 16-day period someplace else, and then all of these array of special rules, some of which deserve some discussion, I think, by the way, notwithstanding that we all want to support our troops, but seems to leave open in this instance the possibility of this kind of piggy-backing, which I think was not intended under the original federal law. And so my first question to you is, does that make any sense? And secondly, would you be open to an amendment which would put the word "consecutive" before...everywhere in the bill where it says 30 days. And I would yield time to Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Vrtiska?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes, Mr. President. Thank you. Thank you, Senator Beutler. It's obvious, I think, in reading, that the