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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schimek, on the Chambers amendment, FA1463.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Beutler, if you would like to continue the discussion, I just turned my light on so that there would be discussion if we need.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you. Senator Vrtiska, ...or maybe I should address Senator Schimek on that question. I don't know whether it's appropriate for the Committee Chair or the sponsor in this case. But Senator Schimek, why don't I start with you. As you know, the very definitional section includes the term "state active duty." And then that definition is reinforced elsewhere, indicating that this whole bill applies to state active duty. When you look at the federal regulations, it seems to--and I say "seems to" because there are references in the federal law to definitions in other federal law. In a short amount of time I can only go so deep, so my understanding may be very limited here. But the federal law seems to say that active duty, for purposes of the kicking in of the federal law, includes National Guard who are called up for federal duty, or at least certain kinds of federal duty. And I'm assuming troops in Iraq, for example, would be one example of that. And if that does include National Guard people, then it would seem to apply that the federal law would kick in in that instance, and you wouldn't have a need for this bill then, logically. But maybe this bill is intended for other situations, or maybe I'm not reading the federal law right, which is quite possible. So I'd ask you to comment on the whole meaning of state active duty. I'd yield my time...or I...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...return my time back to Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. This bill does deal with state active duty. And federal law takes over when it's federal active duty. But state active duty would be those