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book, but it would actually be a part of page 2 of the committee amendment if we were looking at it for amendatory purposes, where we talk about what I was discussing with Senators Vrtiska and Schimek, the appointment of these various people. The reason I was asking if there is a director of the National Guard is because we have the new term "deputy director." Why are you going to create a deputy if you don't have a sheriff? I'd like to ask Senator Mines a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Mines, would you yield to a question from Senator Chambers?

SENATOR MINES: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Mines, you have not been a part of the discussion, so you will be uncontaminated by everything else we've said. If you can, concentrate on the question that I'm asking you. If you came into a city and a person were introduced to you as the deputy police chief, would you presume that there must be a police chief?

SENATOR MINES: I would assume that there's a police chief.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If over across the room in a brown uniform was a person who was introduced to you as the deputy sheriff, would you presume that there is a sheriff?

SENATOR MINES: I would presume that as well.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, if we carry this logic forward and apply it to this bill, if there's a deputy director created of the National Guard, would you presume that there is a director to whom this person is a deputy?

SENATOR MINES: I certainly would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Mines. That is the conclusion that I arrive at. The term "deputy director" is not a military term. Now, in some branches of the service, you may have what is called a warrant officer, a chief warrant officer. But you still have the term "officer,"...