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SENATOR VRTISKA: It doesn't...you don't have both.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you don't have to have either of these other two. You need not have a deputy adjutant general or a chief of staff, but rather, a deputy director.

SENATOR VRTISKA: My point that I made a moment ago, Senator Chambers, is that because of the new role that the National Guard now plays, it was felt--because they don't know when the Adjutant may be out of the country. Maybe the other individuals who have been in the past in charge of the National Guard are maybe called off to duty. They felt they needed somebody to be in charge of the operations here at the National Guard...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if this person is...let's say that it is a deputy director, must hold the rank of colonel and be an active member of the National Guard, even though the title is deputy director, that colonel can be called away to active duty also. Isn't that true?

SENATOR VRTISKA: That's correct. But again, it goes back to the point, is having enough people to cover the National Guard locally when some of these people may be called in to serve.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you still only have one position. Either it's going to be a deputy adjutant general or chief of staff or a deputy director. Not three positions, not three people; one person. So whatever that person's title is, that person must have achieved the rank of colonel. So I want to know why we have to give that colonel a civilian title. And it cannot be based on what you said about having to have somebody to continue operating the firm when the Adjutant is gone, because this person could be gone too. So I'm not aware of why we have to take the deputy adjutant away...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...as a mandatory office, and make it discretionary whether there will be anybody in that position. Under the statute, there doesn't have to be a deputy adjutant, there doesn't have to be a chief of staff, there doesn't have to