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hierarchy that we have to have three possible designations, and regardless of which designation is chosen the individual so designated must be a colonel and must carry out the duties prescribed by the Adjutant General, I guess that's the way it will be. But it doesn't make sense to me. It seems unnecessary. Now, I know the military has a strange way of doing things. But this is somewhat puzzling to me. And I will have the opportunity to pursue it further when my next motion comes up. So at this point, Mr. President, I will withdraw the proposed amendment that's pending now.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, in that case, Senator Beutler would move to amend. (FA1464, Legislative Journal page 636.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on FA1464 to LB 963. You may open.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, this amendment goes back to discussion we had earlier on the 30 day rule that is applicable to the bill. In three different places in the bill it references the 30 day rule, including in the basic definitional section. And all this amendment does is to in those instances require that it be 30 consecutive days. And the reason for that is so that it parallels the federal law, which in Section 101, the definitional section of the federal parallel law, refers to active duty to the extent that it exceeds 30 consecutive days. So if everybody is comfortable with it, I think making that parallel is a good idea, because then we know that this law having been examined at the federal level with a view to its application beyond 30 consecutive days, we can feel fairly safe that the provisions in the bill would be and should be equally applicable to a 30 consecutive day situation on...for active Nebraska Guard duty that didn't relate to those areas that are covered by the federal law. And in that regard, then you...there would be no need to go back and examine things individually to see if it made sense for less than 30 days, as opposed to simply paralleling the federal law at 30 consecutive days. So that's all the amendment does. Wherever