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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, let's presume that you have to have a degree. I don't know if in all cases you do. You mean to be certified,...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...a certified teacher.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I believe you do, yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, that I think falls in line with what we're talking about here. In order for a person to assume the role of a director of an operation of this type, they feel that he needs to have the wherewithal and either the educational background or the knowledge. Now I would never say, and I think you would agree, that somebody who...with a lower rank wouldn't have the ability, but somewhere there has to be a point of identification, and in this case it happens to be either a captain or a major, the same way...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: May I tell you...I have to tell you where my question was and why I said we might have to look at this a little differently in view of the fact that the National Guard is being given an entirely different role by the politicians who are running the war.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I understand that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It says that the person must have been a commissioned officer for at least four years immediately prior to being given the position.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, and I think that probably has the rationale, is what I'm trying to talk to you about, the rationale being the fact that that means that that person has more knowledge because he's been in a rank of a commissioned officer for a length of time. And no way would I ever infer that a person who didn't have the rank of any of those ranks as a commissioned officer wouldn't be as intelligent or have the