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SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise to explain that I have...I have a lot of confidence in our National Guard, and over the years when I have dealt with them, I found them to be very professional, very committed and very caring. And so I have a lot of confidence that they know how to do their job. At the same time, I think it is our responsibility, of course, to provide oversight. I mean, that's the way our country is put together. We have to be very careful, however, that we don't get into areas that we don't know enough about. One of the things I wanted to point out, and this is the U.S. Army rankings, and I think it's instructive because it tells us what the different rankings are and how many commissioned officers there are from which we can draw. First of all, you have the private and the private first class. Those are enlisted officers. Then you have the noncommissioned officers, and there's four of those. There's corporal, sergeant first class, master sergeant, and sergeant major, which is the highest rank for a noncommissioned officer. Then, and, Senator Chambers, I wanted you to hear this because there are many ranks from the commissioned officers, beginning with the second lieutenant, which is the lowest rank for a commissioned officer. Then you move up to first lieutenant, and then captain, and then major, and then lieutenant colonel, and then colonel, brigadier general, major general, lieutenant general, and general. And I just read that list to illustrate the fact that there are a lot of different levels of officers in the military. And so when it says the lieutenant and above, that's a lot of latitude because there are a lot above the lieutenant colonel. Having said that, Senator Chambers, I understand your concern about some people not having maybe an opportunity for advancement into these particular positions, but I think Senator Vrtiska's explanation or illustration was quite good in relating it to the education profession and the things that you have to go through in order to reach a certain level of attainment, and I think that's the same here. Senator Chambers, I would give you any time that is