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for four years. And again, maybe it makes no difference. But I believe we need to think about the role that the Guard is playing, the impact that can be had on the Guard's operation if people are called wholesale to active duty. But maybe if enough are called, there would not be the need to have this type of person. But it seems to me that as long as there's a National Guard, you're going to need a United States property and fiscal officer. If there's a Guard and it is functioning, that property, or some of it, is going to be there, there will be some fiscal activity ongoing, and somebody is going to have to hold those positions. But maybe the Adjutant could assign those duties to somebody else. I'd like to ask a question of Senator Vrtiska, because I don't see Senator Schimek.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Vrtiska, I'd like to ask you...oh, here comes Senator Schimek, and maybe she got some information for us. Senator Schimek, can a person who had been in the active army become a member of the National Guard after he or she no longer is in the army?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, yes, that I know for sure. But what...we can't find the National Guard out in the lobby right at the moment, but I've checked with Senator Preister, who you know did serve in the Vietnam War, and it's his understanding that you would take your commission with you into the Guard. But we're still checking on it, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Let's assume that, because that helps the question that I want to ask have more relevance. This person had been a commissioned officer in the regular army for a period of ten years and had dealt with this property and fiscal matters; by experience, would be qualified to do this; but had not held a commission in the National Guard for four years prior to this position being open. So that person couldn't be appointed even if the Adjutant wanted to appoint him or her, isn't that true, because the statute creates a straitjacket.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: According to this language, that would be true.