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commissioned officer status immediately prior to an appointment is not something to be concerned about, but while I have that concern, it will remain with me until something in the way of factual information removes it. I also think that we can smooth out some of the language and nobody should take offense at that because we work collectively to try to give the legislation that we enact the highest polish possible, and I don't think this language has achieved that status yet. But between now and when the bill comes up again on Select File, I will have the opportunity to engage in discussions with various people having an interest in this bill. I think that the other amendment that I want to offer probably has had a chance to be put on the gadget, so, Mr. Speaker, I will withdraw the pending amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: It is withdrawn. (Visitors introduced.) Next item on the bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend with FA1466. (Legislative Journal pages 637-638.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bromm, members of the Legislature, you are all aware that this bill is about providing a set of special rights that will apply to our National Guard in the event that they are called into active service beyond 30 days, 30 consecutive days, and it involves a whole panorama of protections, including such things as you can't foreclose on a mortgage, you can't kick them out of leased premises until...except under very special conditions. So they're protected in a whole number of ways, and one of the protections that they're given is with respect to interest that's charged on their debts while they're on active duty. And in that regard, the bill that we passed references the federal law, and here is what the federal law says. It says: An obligation or liability bearing interest at a rate in excess of 6 percent per year that is incurred by a service member, or the service member and his or her spouse jointly, before the service member enters military service, that is, on all debts incurred before they enter their National Guard active duty stint, shall not bear interest at a