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committee amendments added two other bills. We haven't even talked about the insurance premiums. What this bill is doing, in the green copy, is taking language that applies to regular military people and applying it all wholesale to members of the National Guard. That is not appropriate. It creates several crimes, and I don't know whether those crimes exist in the federal law that has been referenced or not. But if the Speaker or anybody else is within the sound of my voice, I want you all to listen up and see why this bill is going to be discussed by me. I don't care who gets nervous, who has questions. Don't bring these kind of bills if you don't want me to deal with them. But this I'm going to read and I defy anybody on this floor to explain it to me. This is page 2 of the green copy. I'm going to read lines 5 through 11: "The sections of the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, Public Law 108-189." Does that mean Sections 108 through Sections 189, or is that part of the title? Who knows, but let me continue and now I'll read right through it: "The sections of the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, Public Law 108-189, listed in this section or any other sections referred to by such sections." What sections are you talking about? Tell me if you don't want to discuss. That means you understand it. Now I'm going to read it again: "The sections of the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, Public Law 108-189, listed in this section or any other sections referred to by such sections in existence and effective as of January 1, 2004, are adopted as Nebraska law and are applicable to all persons in military service as defined in Public Law 108-189, Title I, Section 101." Well, now we have a section mentioned. But up there where it says 108-189, it doesn't talk about sections, so what does it mean? Do we know? How broad a chunk of the federal law are we adopting and making national...I meant Nebraska law? If we don't know, should we do it just because the Guard ask us to do it? Now back to Senator Beutler's amendment, because that's what's before us. If we look, starting in line 13 on page 2: "Section 2 shall be construed to apply to the defense, peace, and security of the state of Nebraska and includes servicemembers of the Nebraska National Guard while serving on state active duty." And Senator Beutler talked about the difference between state active duty and federal active duty. If a person is on state active duty, is the merchant going to be