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"authority" and insert "who." Now what I'm trying to do is eliminate some unnecessary verbiage. There may not be agreement on the part of everybody with doing what I'm talking about here. So while my time I realize is running, I'm going to get a copy of the bill book so that I can explain it further. So I'm not relinquishing my time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may do that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm back.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think maybe the language that I'm trying to strike was put...well, I'm not going to say why it was put into the amendment, but I'm going to read what the proposed amendment is as it exists in the committee amendment. "If a deputy adjutant general, chief of staff of the Military Department, or deputy director has not been appointed, the Adjutant General may delegate the authority to perform the duties of the Adjutant General to any active officer of the Nebraska military. Any officer exercising this authority shall hold at least the rank of colonel." I'm going to eliminate the language "any officer exercising this authority" and just insert the word "who." Then it will read that the Adjutant General, if no deputy adjutant or chief of staff has been appointed, can appoint and...can assign these duties to any person who is an active member of the guard who shall hold at least the rank of colonel. I think my amendment makes the language flow better and I believe that it is better drafting. That having been said, and I will answer questions on it, I handed out an article which relates to the retirement of a member of the guard who is identified in the article as the assistant adjutant general. I brought this to the attention of Senator Vrtiska and Senator Schimek and she did some research and what she came up with, if I'm incorrect she will correct it, the assistant adjutant general is not a statutory position. The assistant is a person paid by the federal government. The deputy would be a state position, a state employee. I would like to ask Senator Schimek a question or two if she will answer.