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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't see Senator Schimek. But while she's outside, maybe she can hear the question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I want to know...I don't see her, but I just called her name to alert her. I want to know what kind of compensation these people are receiving right now. The other day, when we were on a National Guard bill, I pointed out that I'm not opposed to the Guard. But I'm not going to let these people who are here in Nebraska be handled in the way that cops and firefighters all over the country were handled after that catastrophe in New York September 11 a couple of years ago. The only firefighters and police who were involved were those in New York, not those in Omaha, not those in any other state. Yet they all were treated as though they somehow became heroic. Not every member of the Guard is heroic, not every Guard detachment is going to be sent to Iraq or anyplace else. Iowa has experienced more of this than Nebraska. So what I want to find out is who asked that this particular piece of legislation be presented to us. And I still haven't heard what I consider to be a justification. I don't know that anybody is aware of what kind of money these Guardspeople will be receiving that would be deducted from unemployment compensation. And I want to know if they're considered to be unemployed while they're serving in this international conflict. And I want to know if their service is actually on a battlefield, if there should be a battlefield someplace outside this country. I want to know what is meant by a national emergency. I'm not going to just go along with these things because somebody runs up the flag and puts the hat of some person who's in the National Guard on a pole and say, salute it blindly and slavishly. This is a bad bill, and it will remain one...ah, here's Senator Schimek. I can ask her a question or two. Senator Schimek, who crafted this amendment and asked that it be submitted to us?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Schimek?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Schimek, my staff, and I did.