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SENATOR CUDABACK: You're recognized to do so.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. I touched on them briefly. The committee amendment changes the cap of the tuition credit granted during any fiscal year. It is at \$900,000 now, and I had asked in the bill for \$1.5 million, and the committee amendments just change that to a cap of \$1.4 million.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. And we appreciate you handling that committee amendments. Open for discussion on the committee amendments to LB 96. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm opposed to the committee amendment; I'm opposed to the bill. I am not a superpatriot. I am not one who will be swept away by emotion. Right now in Congress, they're considering larger death benefits for people who die in combat, and in some instances they're talking about those who are training. What many people don't realize is the National Guard is primarily a federal operation. The vast majority of the money supporting the National Guard comes from the federal government. When the federal government decides to nationalize the people who are in the Guard, that means pull them into a federal activity, they are under the control of the federal government and the state has nothing to say or do about that. When people join the National Guard, they do not join it with the expectation of going into combat or even having to go on active duty. There might be some training sessions but, by and large, it has been a haven for people who wanted to make some extra money and get whatever other benefits were available through the Legislature, one of which at this point is a 75 percent amount paid toward their tuition. When people go off for the federal government, they are not the state's responsibility. I am not in favor of continuing to offer incentives for people to join the National Guard. This war that has led Senator Janssen, my good friend Senator Janssen, with whom I don't often disagree but this time I do, this war which has led Senator Janssen to do this is one of the worst things that America has ever been dragged into. Not only is it a fiasco; in my mind it is a criminal act. The torture of prisoners, the murder of prisoners, the holding of