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hadn't of happened like is over in Iraq right now. So, I was adamant about it at that time, but the Appropriations Committee said that we're going to be a little tight so how about just going to 75 percent? And I agreed with that. You know, if you can get a piece of the pie, fine. And I thought, well, in a few more years I would try for the 100 percent. So, Senator Chambers, this is not because of this. You know, it...of course, there is a lot of...a lot of emphasis put on our National Guard and Army Reserve right now. Needless to say, you know, that I think that the time is right to boost this up or we're going to start losing young men and women who take advantage of helping serve this state and their country to get their education. I give the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Chambers, the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee amendments.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, what I had said, and I intended to say and make clear, Senator Janssen said this is the time, the time is right to do it, and it's because of the war. That's how I tied the two in, Senator Janssen, not that you haven't tried to do this before. It was a boondoggle when he tried it five years ago; it's a boondoggle today. These people were not drafted into the National Guard. They chose to go. In the old days, people joined the National Guard to escape active duty military service, as the man who is President now had done. People want to get convenient amnesia and pretend that real things that happened didn't happen. Actions are committed by people. If people feel that someday they are going to be embarrassed by what they did, they should not have done it. But what was done was done, and the hellish conditions that exist in Iraq were triggered by the United States of America. Bush had a grudge against Saddam Hussein. There was no connection whatsoever between Iraq, Saddam, and what happened in this country September 11, 2001. The vast majority of the individuals that they said were on those airplanes that crashed into those two towers were from Saudi Arabia, so Bush attacked Afghanistan. There has been no connection shown between Saddam Hussein and any of these so-called terrorist acts. Bush knew it. "Condominium" Rice knew it. "Colon" Powell, and I spell