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SENATOR LANDIS: Time. Senator Schimek, you're the last light on at the point, at this moment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Janssen, I apologize for not...for being a little tardy up here because I think that this is an important issue and I...if the body could have heard the testimony that we heard on this bill, I don't think there would be quite so many questions. First of all, those federal funds are not always available, and I have a letter here in my hand from a fellow who happens to be in Iraq right now and he's going to be returning to school at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. And he said that before his activation he received 75-cent...or 75 percent state tuition assistance and 25 percent federal assistance, so his tuition was 100 percent covered. The problem is, he says, that federal funding is not guaranteed, and he personally knew of individuals who were not able to receive the 25 percent federal assistance because of depleted funds. Now, we heard from a number of individuals, all outstanding members of the Guard, who attended school not only to benefit themselves personally, but to benefit the Guard as well, to acquire the kinds of skills and education that would help them in the National Guard. I think it's money well spent. We talk about the need for scholarships for people who have needs in this state, for young people who have needs, and certainly one could, in many, many cases, make the argument that these students are needy. They have taken two years out of their lives, put their earning power, their education on hold, to go in harm's way oftentimes, and I think they should be at the front of the line for help from this state in getting scholarship money. These are students who are very, very serious in their intent. They will do well with the scholarship money, and many of them don't have other means of getting their education. In fact, for many of them it is the way to get their education, and they don't have a lot of other alternatives. Education is expensive, as we know. I would just make the argument that this is a relatively small price to pay for educating some of the people who have been defending our country. And, with that, Senator Janssen, would you care to have any of my time, Senator Janssen?