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SENATOR JANSSEN: Uh-huh.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay. Also, can this money be used for higher degrees, or is it only for bachelor's degrees?

SENATOR JANSSEN: I think it's only for a bachelor's degree.

SENATOR STUHR: Does it...I don't know that it's...does it say anywhere in the bill?

SENATOR JANSSEN: No, but we'll find out for sure.

SENATOR STUHR: All right.

SENATOR JANSSEN: But I'm sure it's just a bachelor's degree, Senator Stuhr. And we have, you know, using figures from the 2004 tuition expense numbers of students applying, the cost to fully fund that would...at 100 percent would have been \$1.3 million, if we were going to do it at 100 percent. That's what the...that's what the cost would have been.

SENATOR STUHR: All right. Thank you, Senator Janssen. I will be supporting Senator Thompson's amendment. I think putting the amount up to 100 percent seems justified in this situation. With that, I'll give the rest of my time back to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. There are no further lights on. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And, Mr. President, I am going to withdraw it, but this program does need some discussion, even aside from raising the amount to 100 percent. I want to read something which is in the existing law, because some people are talking about individuals who are in harm's way. Let's say somebody just joined the National Guard and they hadn't entered any university, any college, any independent or not-for-profit, however they've got that phrased. This is what it says: "When determining to whom such tuition credit shall be awarded, priority shall be given to those individuals who have previously