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contract, and have served six years in the Wyoming Guard, and then you must give another two years after that. I think, before we move to 100 percent, we need to make sure that when we are in times like we are now and there is some interest at the federal level because of the recruitment problems out there, that they're willing to put some money in their budget for tuition, that we need to make sure those other places are being used and it isn't just, as water often does, take the most direct route to the 100 percent. Having heard from committee counsel, in talking to the people here who are from the Guard, they currently have this money available. They work to make sure the state money covers the people who don't have the ability to access the federal money. I think that may be happening in practice, or is happening in practice, and of course we aren't at 100 percent. But I think it's important that we change the language in order to encourage that use of other sources of funds first before the state funds, and that is what this amendment is about. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. You've heard the opening on FA8, which is an amendment to LB 96. Open for discussion. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, at least Senator Thompson's amendment is better than what is here, but I'm wondering how it will be administered, so I have to ask a question. Senator Thompson, currently the amount of tuition paid for would be 75 percent. If you say up to 100 percent, who makes a determination whether it will go above 75 percent, and would additional legislation be required before that 75 percent can be exceeded?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The current statutory language is, "The Military Department shall retain the responsibility and authority to establish any limitations and controls it deems necessary to ensure maximum fiscal efficiency," so I believe that would be the Military Department, as they expend these funds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Thompson. And when we talk about the military and put the word "efficiency," or any